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FIRE-EATER MELTS HIS WAY OUT OF PADDY WAGON

FIRE-EATERS like the one shown at left, have been known to melt iron bars with their blazing hot breath.

By KATHY ROSS / Weekly World News

ABHL'ZZI, Italy — Police in this northern Italian town are hunting a fire-eater who was arrested for indecent assault but got away — by burning his way out of the patrol wagon on his way to jail!

. . . cops in hot pursuit!

Authorities say 18-year-old Pietro DiPavo was arrested in mid-performance on charges that he attacked his landlord's daughter. Apparently he still had a fiery hot breath and was able to cause the plastic door seals in the back of the van to smolder, melt and burst into flames.

"The hot fire loosened the back door of the patrol wagon enough so he could break out while the van was stopped at a light," said police spokesman Carlo Vanutti. "By the time the transporting officers realized he was gone, he'd disappeared from sight."

According to local news accounts, DiPavo was accused by his landlord of cornering the man's 15-year-old daughter in the hallway of his rooming house and trying to fondle her. The landlord called police, who apprehended DiPavo as he was performing his fire-eating act at the street carnival where he worked.

The man was collared and hustled into a police van, which took off for the Abruzzi jail immediately.

"The officers saw smoke coming from the back of the van when they were a few blocks away from the jail," Vanutti said. "When they investigated, they discovered the back of the van was open and their suspect had fled."

The police have put out an all-points bulletin for DiPavo, who is described as 5-foot-8, clean-shaven and wearing a fire-eater costume.

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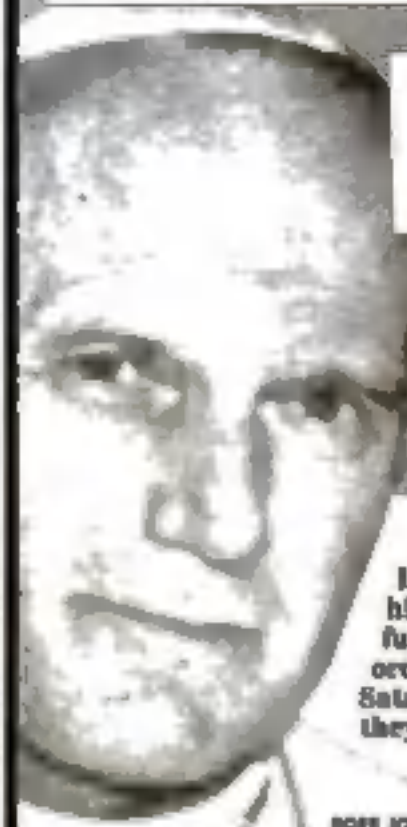

POPE JOHN PAUL II makes secret offer to two ex-Mafia hit men they can't refuse.

By MIKE FOSTER / Weekly World News

ROME — Pope John Paul II has made two dying Sicilian hit men an offer they can't refuse, say Vatican insiders. He's ordered the pair to put a "hit" on Satan himself — and as a reward, they'll get a free pass into Heaven!

"It is certainly an unorthodox plan," said a prominent Catholic theologian who was made privy to the scheme.

"But if it works, His Holi-

MEDICAL MYSTERY:

276 people get lockjaw at $1,000-a-plate dinner!

BERLIN, Germany — A charity function caused a health emergency after guests at a $1,000-a-plate dinner dined on salmon mousse with truffles — and 276 people came down with lockjaw!

By LILA SCHWARDT
Weekly World News

Health officials say the delicacy triggered deadly tetanus in its victims, but doctors cannot explain how or why this happened.

"Everyone who ate it got sick," said Dr. Fritz Vedelheim, head of the Berlin Department of Public Health. "Yet tetanus is never found in fish.

"It's possible that the disease was caused by truffles and that's what they're looking into. This is a rare and especially virulent form of tetanus and already 31 of the victims have died."

According to Dr. Vedelheim, some of the wealthiest citizens of Berlin were among the guests at the charity function. They had contributed generously to the special dinner, which was to benefit the orphans of Croatia.

In an effort to provide an elegant dining experience, organizers of the event imported a famous French chef and of exotic dishes — among them the infamous mousse.

"Unfortunately, the mousse was by far the most successful creation and 276 out of 450 of the guests ordered it," Dr. Vedelheim said. "It was delicious, but apparently there were contaminants in the truffles.

"Later in the evening a number of guests complained of nausea and severe muscle aches. By morning scores of people had lockjaw."

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TEEN GALS SPENT $17 BILLION IN 1995 — ON ZITS!

NEW YORK — Teenage girls spent a staggering $17 billion in 1995 on acne preparations, lipstick and eyeliner, a new survey reveals.

T OUTLINES PLAN

ORDERS MAFIA ON SATAN!

He offers 'FREE PASS' to Heaven if mobsters can bump off Devil!

SATAN: The master of disaster will have to sit with his back to the wall from now on!

'IF IT WORKS, HIS HOLINESS WILL RID THE WORLD OF EVIL ONCE & FOR ALL!'

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Those close to the Pontiff say he launched the daring secret plot after reading an Italian newspaper account of the two Mafia killers, both battling terminal cancer behind prison walls.

"His Holiness has been increasingly disturbed by recent signs of the Devil's handiwork around the world," said a papal insider.

"He saw in those two men a rare opportunity to strike back."

Between them, Mario Gervasutti, 64, and Giorgio Bachert, 57, had rubbed out at least 23 people before being arrested in a mob crackdown six years ago and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Now gravely ill, both murderers appear to be Hell-bound, according to Catholic teachings — with their only possible hope of salvation being absolution for their sins from the Church.

But prison chaplain Father Carlo Fallari claims that a month ago he received a written order directly from the Vatican not to offer the men last rites.

"I was stunned," admits the pastor. "Especially when I saw the contract I was to pass onto the men.

"It called for them to, immediately after death, take all steps necessary to eliminate the fallen angel known as Lucifer."

"In return they would receive a special papal indulgence guaranteed to get them out of Hell when the job is complete."

The mobsters were initially taken aback when Fr Fallari presented the offer he revealed.

"Mario hesitated for a moment. Then he shrugged and said to his companion, 'I say let's whack the son of a bitch.'

"Giorgio agreed and both of them signed the agreement."

The two terminals are expected to pass away by year's end — but just how they plan to liquidate Satan remains a mystery.

"I only know that these are two of the most vicious and lethal professional assassins in the world," said Fr Fallari. "If anyone can find a way to destroy the Evil One, they can."

Study reveals what gals really want:

A lean, mean, money machine!

What do women REALLY want? They want a man who's tall, well-dressed, financially secure — and who refuses to be treated like a doormat, says an expert.

"I have counseled more than 500 single women. Most are seeking the same things, but they don't talk about them in search, is what women are looking for.

● Men who are taller than they are. "Women want their man to guard and protect them.

"A taller man makes them feel safer," said Miss Clark.

● A well-dressed man. "Women check out a man's clothes, tie and shoes.

standing and self-esteem."

● A man with money. "Finding a mate is often a financial need for a woman. She wonders if he has the financial ability to support her and her family," said Miss Clark.

● A man whose interests and values are similar to their own. "Women want

men long for tough ones who have the self-confidence to be tender.

"Men who show an interest in a single mom's children score highly. And if a man offers to pay for the baby-sitter, a woman is putty in his hands."

■ Romance. Women like holding hands and being

By CHRISTOPHER JOHNS / Weekly World News

22-POUND HOUSEFLY CAPTURED

Scientists have captured a 22-pound housefly — and they say the giant bug proves that the use of growth hormones in insecticides has caused nature to go terribly haywire!

"No one was ever certain what would happen when we started using these new chemicals," said insect expert Dr. Aurelio Baez. "When you fool around with Mother Nature just so you can have larger tomatoes, you better be prepared for other consequences — and this bug might be just the first of many."

The giant housefly was first seen near a farm outside Monterrey, Mexico. Reports of the fly attracted dozens of scientists.

After days of failed attempts, one team of scientists was able to catch the huge bug without killing or injuring it.

"We wanted to capture the insect alive so we could do extensive research on it," said Dr. Baez. "Fortunately we were able to hit it with a very mild tranquilizer, capture it and then take it in to a laboratory."

The fly is still alive and under daily examination at an undisclosed location in Mexico. According to Dr. Baez, the fly is extremely healthy and shows a tremendous appetite.

"One of most amazing aspects of this creature is how much it eats," he said. "It is quite common for it to devour 25 pounds of sugar and almost 10 pounds of hamburger in a single day."

The bug is generally allowed to fly free in a large caged room, where its gigantic wings make a tremendous

put the fly on a table and study it more closely.

"From biopsies we have done on the fly's tissue we are certain growth hormones in insecticides caused its unnatural size," Dr. Baez said.

"That would strongly indicate that there are likely other large flies out there. And there could even be thousands of them."

Mutant insect eats 5 bags of sugar a day — & 10 lbs. of hamburger!

Surgeon steals eyeballs for transplants!

VIENNA, Austria — In a bizarre, get-rich-quick scheme, noted surgeon Dr. Heinz Meanick, 59, broke into an eye bank late one night and stole more than 100 human eyeballs — so he

ILLITERACY COSTS

Every week Americans lose about $4 billion because of people who can't read. The

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Page 5 Girl!

If you're looking to spend some time with statuesque model Saleyna Taggart, you'd better be fit as a fiddle — because Saleyna's favorite hobbies are rock climbing, backpacking and riding her trusty dirt bike your hill and dale. You may recognize the 5-foot, 11-inch California belle from her stint on the 1994-95 Coors Light girl.

If you'd like to be our Page 5 Girl, send a picture, a phone number where you can be reached and some information about yourself to Page 5, Weekly World News, 600 South East Coast Ave., Lantana, Fla. 33464.

8 WAYS TO HEAL A BROKEN HEART!

By MIKE FOSTER / Weekly World News

A broken heart is one of life's most painful experiences — but you can make mending yours a snap by following these eight surefire tips from expert Philip Golabuk, author of *Recovering from a Broken Heart*:

♥ **DON'T BLAME YOURSELF.** "When we lose someone we love, we tend to think, 'I did something wrong. What could I have done to prevent this?'" notes Golabuk.

"Stay away from this sort of self-blame. You've already suffered enough."

♥ **BE PATIENT.** Healing a broken heart usually takes more time than you expect. Some people get upset because they're still hurting after three or four months. But the pain can take years to get over.

♥ **ACCEPT THAT YOU DID THE BEST YOU COULD.** Tell yourself that you're learning from the suffering — and you'll be a better person for it.

♥ **DON'T TRY TO TOUGH IT OUT BY YOURSELF.** After your loss, you'll want to curl up and hide. Instead, seek comfort from friends, family, a support group or a counselor.

♥ **USE DEEP BREATHING.** Calm yourself with slow, deep breaths. "Good breathing is nature's tonic," said Golabuk. "Try it and you'll feel stress and pain gradually slide away."

♥ **RECALL THE WORST TIMES WITH YOUR EX.** Remind yourself that the bad things such as arguments and worries are also over.

♥ **TRY TO PUT OFF LONG-RANGE DECISIONS.** "Realize that you're not thinking clearly right now. Concentrate on emotional healing and taking care of yourself," said Golabuk.

♥ **BE YOUR OWN BEST FRIEND.** "Refuse to sit at home," advised the expert. "Treat yourself to a fancy dinner, take in a play or movie, visit some friends. Do what it takes to work through your pain."

Are you stuck with an 'average' guy?

Your man is an "average Joe," ladies, if he:

- Stands 5 feet, 9 inches tall.
- Daydreams mostly about sex.
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- Prefers white over colored underwear.
- Doesn't like to dance.
- Falls in love six times during his life.
- Won't stop to ask for directions while driving.
- Takes out all the household's garbage.
- Has sex three times a week.
- Would rather take a shower than a bath.

Best places to hide your valuables!

The best places for hiding valuables at your home are in a plastic bag under dirty laundry in your hamper or washer, underneath heavy furniture, inside a ceiling panel or in a sealed container buried in your yard, crime prevention experts say.

Among the worst places is the refrigerator — because sneaky burglars often rummage there for food!

SHARK TIDBITS!

In an average week, Americans had an incredible 422,000 pounds of sharks from the sea — but during the same peri-

TOP SURGEONS' WATER BED WARNING

Water beds don't provide needed support for backs because they aren't firm enough, say orthopedic surgeons.

Only five out of 200 surgeons polled by the Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery recommended water beds. They preferred firm to hard innerspring mattresses, seven favored foam mattresses, while one said "anything but a water bed."

Barbie

A staggering 8 of 10 American girls between the ages of 3 and 11 have at least one Barbie

WORLD WILDLIFE FEDERATION BULLETIN

NEW STRAIN OF LIZARD CRAWLS DOWN PEOPLE'S THROATS — & CHEWS THROUGH THEIR STOMACHS!

By RANDY JEFFRIES
Weekly World News

RAZOR-TOOTHED gee-shaw lizard enters its victims' mouths while they sleep.

IMBARAH, Egypt — More than 100 people have died agonizing deaths caused by a new strain of lizard that crawls down its victims' throats — and gnaws its way out through their stomachs!

The tiny inch-long reptile, known as the gee-shaw lizard, is believed to be a member of the agama genus, commonly seen along the Nile.

"But this smaller, carotenoid-pigmented predator is a brand new species," said World Wildlife Federation zoologist Dr. Hamid Tahrir, who has studied the fearsome reptiles since the first victim died back in September.

"They enter through the mouth and slide down the esophagus while the person sleeps. The victim usually awakens with a choking sensation in the throat — not realizing what's happened — then goes back to sleep.

"But early the next morning, he begins experiencing severe stomach pain as the gee-shaw starts the hideous four-day process of chewing through the stomach lining, the abdominal muscle, the subcutaneous fat and finally the outer layer of skin. By then, the victim is dead of internal hemorrhage."

Since September 24, the 6 icy monasteries have killed 113 people. Dr. Tahrir, 43, says he's baffled by the gee-shaws.

"We have no idea what attracts them to some people and not to others," says the noted expert. "It could be that some people's breath odor draws them. But we're just not sure at this point.

"What is sure is that the gee-shaw population is growing.

"They're sure to spread to other countries soon and could show up in the United States as early as the summer of 1996."

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7 out of 10 secretaries sleep with the boss!

A staggering 70 percent of secretaries become romantically involved with their bosses, says a new Dartmouth College study — and one-third of them say it has a positive effect on their jobs, a recent survey found.

But one-fourth of secretaries who've had a fling with a boss said it hurt them professionally, according to a survey of more than 5,000 secretaries.

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TEXAS MAN HAS 223 LBS. OF SKIN CUT OFF — AFTER GOING ON CRASH DIET!

STRETCHED OUT: Buster Simms shows off his weight-by folds of skin.

Buster Simms has lived through the most amazing weight-loss story of all time — he lost so much fat so fast that it left him with bags full of blubbery flesh hanging off his body!

But the Dallas, Texas, man endured painful surgery to have the excess flab cut off and today he's living a healthy and normal life.

"It's been a lot of pain and suffering," he said. "There was a time when I was about a dozen people all rolled up into one big miserable blob."

The incredible tale started after Buster's weight soared to a world-record 2,613 pounds and his doctors decided to put him on a special diet.

The diet worked too well and the good-natured bachelor lost weight faster than his body could handle it. While the fat melted away inside his body, his skin remained stretched to the size it was when Buster was as big as a compact car.

The flabby skin hung off Buster's body like melted cheese hanging off a pizza. Something had to be done, so the doctors opted to attempt a ground-breaking operation — and cut off 223 pounds of ugly flab. The surgery was a success and now Buster is slim, trim and happy as a lark.

"It was a tough operation but it was worth it," he said. "Now I can have the pair

NEW: 60-second heart

In a major medical advance, a simple blood test can now accurately predict those people most likely to suffer a heart attack, a brand-new study shows.

And by identifying those at risk, doctors can prescribe the right treatment to prevent hundreds of thousands of heart attack deaths each year.

The blood test, which is inexpensive and readily available, measures body levels of renin, a natural hormone produced by the kidneys that helps regulate blood pressure.

A strong relationship between high levels of renin and heart attacks was shown by an exciting eight-year study at two prestigious New York medical institutions, Albert Einstein College of Medicine and New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center.

Dr. Michael Alderman, who headed the study, tested renin levels in 1,717 people with moderate to high blood pressure.

"The people with high renin levels were seven times more likely to have heart attacks than people with low renin levels," said researcher Dr. John Laragh.

Remarkably, patients with high renin levels appeared likely to have heart attacks even in the absence of other risk factors.

"The result of the study could be

NEWS EXCLUSIVE: LOCH NESS ATTACKS BRITISH NAVY SHIP!

A British naval boat was attacked by a giant sea serpent in the Atlantic Ocean just 55 miles off the coast of Moray, Scotland. The shocking encounter was witnessed by more than 200 sailors aboard a ship that was performing training maneuvers.

Eyewitnesses said the creature was more than 40 feet tall and looked exactly like the famed Loch Ness Monster.

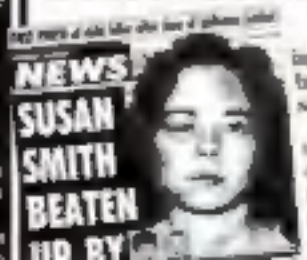
According to reports, the sea-serpent reared out of the water and slid a few feet from the ship and violently slammed against the side of the vessel three or four times.

The sea monster then submerged, nearly overturned again, then went back underwater and disappeared. There has never been a confirmed sighting of the legendary Loch Ness Monster in the Atlantic Ocean. But there has long been debate and speculation concerning the possibility of sea creatures in the waters off around Scotland.

A press release from the British Navy was very vague about the incident but seemed to confirm that something out of the ordinary had occurred.

The ship was faced with an unusual situation that is not covered under normal military procedure," the release read. "The ship's captain took the correct evasive action."

Susan Smith attempts suicide after another



Child-killer Susan Smith has received another brutal jailhouse beating — and reportedly was battered so badly this time she tried to kill herself!

According to reports, Smith attempted to slit her wrists with an instrument taken from the prison's kitchen. But she was unable to draw blood before an alert guard discovered what she was doing.

Officials are steadfastly denying the latest suicide attempt, however, it is

her prison stint. She is serving 30 years for drowning her two sons in 1994 in a lake near her Union, S.C., home.

The most recent suicide attempt allegedly came after a gang of prisoners attacked her in the prison yard and gave her a beating even worse than the highly publicized one she received last August.

That attack was reportedly in retaliation for a brutal knife attack carried out

attack test can save your life!

dynamite because right now most heart attacks are completely unpredictable," said Dr. Laragh.

He noted that half of all heart attacks strike people with normal cholesterol, who don't smoke, don't have diabetes and don't have high blood pressure. The answer could be renin.

"That's lifesaving knowledge because a number of drugs block renin activity," said Dr. Laragh.

The renin study has intrigued doctors and a report on it was highlighted in the renowned New England Journal of Medicine.

"This is an important paper," said Dr. [illegible] Dunn, a blood pressure expert.

Gal driver swallows lipstick — and chokes to death at stoplight!

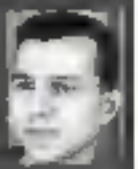
DENVER, Colo. — A woman nearly choked to death to prove when the anti-dentally swallowed her lipstick.

"I saw her in car behind her at a stoplight and when the light changed she didn't go anywhere," said Gary Orsino. "I started honking my horn but she just sat there through two light changes, so I got out of my car to see what her problem was. That's when I saw she was blue and looked like she'd stopped breathing."

Unfortunately, Annie Jordan's car doors were locked and Orsino couldn't get to her.

"I called for a policeman who was up at the intersection," Orsino said.

"He rushed over and broke through the window. We tried to revive her but we were too late."



EYEWITNESS Gary Orsino.

When paramedics arrived they quickly determined what was blocking the woman's windpipe: A tube of lipstick.

Tox-site investigation indicated Miss Jordan was likely putting on her lipstick while trying to drive," a police spokesman said. "It appears likely she had to slam on the brakes when she came to the stoplight and smeared the lipstick at that time.

"This should serve as a warning to women who insist on putting on their makeup as they drive," the spokesman said. "The results can be deadly."

Ancient Greek scrolls tell of moon crashing into Earth — 130,000 years ago!

The moon crashed into Earth more than 130,000 years ago — wiping out every living being on the planet!

That is the shocking revelation from ancient Greek scrolls recently discovered and deciphered by a team of international scientists.

"These scrolls go far to solve many of the mysteries that have always baffled mankind," said German scientist Gerhard Beckle. "This explains the Ice Age and the subsequent extinction of the dinosaurs.

"When two gigantic bodies like the Earth and the moon collide, a tremendous amount of debris is thrown into the air," Dr. Beckle said. "This debris formed a dark cloud over the Earth that blocked the sun's rays for many centuries, freezing everything on the planet."

The scrolls depict the moon be-coming progressively larger as it moves closer to Earth over a period of many years before the powerful collision.

"The speed of the moon greatly accelerated as it came closer and was more affected by the Earth's gravity," Dr. Beckle said.

Scientists say the moon is currently moving farther from the Earth every year.

This fact supports the theory that it "bounced" back into space after the collision.

"Ever since the collision, the moon has been making a wider and wider orbit around the Earth and that trend continues today," Dr. Beckle said.

EVERYTHING DIED when the moon hit the Earth, scientists say

prison beating!

prison and had started throwing her weight around," said the anonymous source.

"Some of the other women decided it was time to get her back under control.

"They smashed her face up pretty good this time. Some people were surprised she even survived the attack."

As a result of the latest suicide

South Carolina boy, 3, heals the sick — with his glowing eyes!

GEORGETOWN, S.C. — More than 250 people have been cured of nearly every disease known to man — just by being exposed to a 3-year-old boy whose eyes glow bright green and red!

Scores of people are flocking to see the mild-mannered boy, who lives in a remote area south of here.

Dr. William Zachary

And at least one medical expert has confirmed the boy's amazing powers.

THE GLOWING EYES of a strange little boy have cured hundreds of people.

"There is no medical explanation for the boy's powers and no scientific explanation for the way his eyes glow. But I can personally guarantee his eyes do glow and they have cured many people."

Experts from major universities

and his family is extremely careful about who gets to see him," Dr. Zachary said.

"I'm currently negotiating with his parents for the opportunity to take

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200,000 U.S. DOGS ABDUCTED — AND TURNED INTO COATS FOR RICH FOREIGNERS!

By TEDDY GERALO / Weekly World News

Ruthless thieves are abducting America's dogs by the tens of thousands, slaughtering the precious pooches — and turning them into fur coats for fat-cat foreigners!

Cops say the ravenously-hungry bandittos have stolen as many as 200,000 dogs from streets and backyards all across the country during the past two years alone.

"If your dog or your neighbor's dog has vanished into thin air recently, there's a real good chance these bums took him — and that's something you don't want to think about," said one outraged undercover officer.

"Apparently, all these thefts are the work of one gang of butchers that moves from city to city, from state to state and from region to region almost at will.

"Each time they hit a new city, they sweep through town grabbing every dog they can get their hands on. And then, within days or weeks they're gone — leaving nothing but death and [illegible]

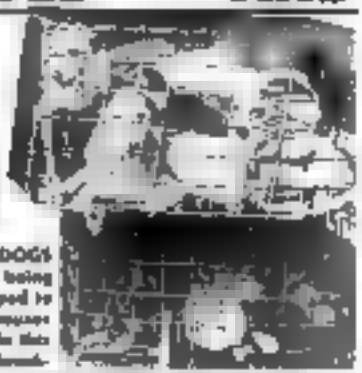
[illegible] every dog they can find, then [illegible]

[illegible] and hats and smuggled over seas, where rich businessmen and stylish society matrons pay top dollar for dog-skin duds.

"In certain circles within Europe a fur set, clothing made from dogskin is highly prized," and the undercover cop who asked that his identity be protected. "From what I hear dog fish sweepings, Dalmatians, black Labradors and poodles are among the breeds that all the rich folk want to wear."

Pictured between my duties [illegible] despite the fact [illegible] who've helped them determine how the [illegible] scheme works, they've been unable to capture a single dognapper so far.

"These people are very clever," one tacked-off officer told a reporter. "But a nationwide task force is being put into place at this very moment, and with God's help, maybe we'll put an end to this sick business — before they turn one more little boy's beloved pet into a fur coat."



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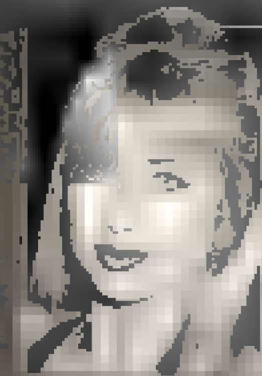

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Q I think Daryl Hannah is one of Hollywood's most beautiful women. When are we going to see her act again?
— Paul D., Pittsburgh, Pa.

CHECKING OUT STREETWALKERS: Daryl Hannah

A The [illegible] actress [illegible] will be splashing [illegible] waters as a drug addicted streetwalker in the upcoming movie *The Last Days of Frankie the Fly*. To prepare for the role, [illegible] Daryl [illegible] with crack addicts and hookers — and even watched a [illegible] doing drugs. "It was an eye-opening experience," admits the blonde beauty.

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Q When things get a New York City subway token clerk on fire in his booth after a similar incident was depicted in the movie *Money Train*, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole angrily called for a boycott of the picture. How is the boycott coming?
— John F., Kansas City, Kan.

NO APOLOGIES: Sen. Bob Dole

A [illegible] to the Wesley Snipes-Woody Harrelson actioner fizzled after [illegible] [illegible] for the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. The head of the Motion Picture [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] asked Senator Dole to apologize [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and the [illegible] [illegible] to apologize for speaking out about the [illegible] in the entertainment industry.

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Q I understand that outspoken Zsa Zsa Gabor recently came up with a list of her favorite leading men. Who did she choose?
— Martha F., Montgomery, Ala.

PICKING THE HUNKS: Zsa Zsa Gabor

A The Hungarian [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] her [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. She included Brad Pitt. "[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]," Wesley Snipes, "[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]," Jean Claude Van Damme, "[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]," Antonio Banderas, "I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]," and Johnny Depp. "He's got the same [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Marlon Brando had — I just hope he doesn't get fat."

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Q Greg Kinnear was known only as a late-night talk show host before starring as Harrison Ford's kid brother in *Sabrina*. Didn't Ford look down on him when working with him?
— Alexa H., Oklahoma City, Okla.

A Au contraire. The former host of the E! Channel's *Talk Soup* says Ford was "unbelievably gracious. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from the first day. [illegible] says he was standing around feeling awkward and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. "[illegible] walked Harrison [illegible] and he said, '[illegible] [illegible] to my brother, [illegible] [illegible] good looking [illegible].' I will be eternally grateful to him for that."

* * *

Q I've noticed that actress Rebecca De Mornay has a weird little scar on her lip. How did she get it?
— Peter L., Boise, Idaho

SCARRED LIP: Rebecca De Mornay

A Gorgeous Rebecca — best known as the nanny from hell in *The Hand That Rocks the Cradle* — got the scar at age 5 during her birthday party. The culprit was a [illegible] youngster [illegible] a [illegible] that had been given out as a party favor. "He was sort of jealous that I was talking to the other boy," she says. "He smashed my face with the sharp edge of the cymbal and split open my lip."

* * *

Q I took my daughter to see the animated Disney hit *Toy Story* — and as a feminist, I was outraged to find that there are no strong female characters in the film. I'd love to know why.
— Judy N., Los Angeles, Calif.

A In early versions of the story, Barbie was to make an appearance as a heroine — and save her buddies Woody and Buzz Lightyear from the vicious neighbor boy Sid. But Mattel execs refused to lend their leggy creation to the picture, leaving sheepish Bo Peep as the only female doll.

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HINT: This high school senior grew up to become famous as a witty, intellectual talk show host.

Mail entries to: CELEBRITY QUIZ, Weekly World News, 600 S. East Coast Ave., Lantana, Fla. 33462. Look for the answer here next week. Last week's quiz: Kate Hudson. Our last winner: Bob Marshall of Fair Haven, Mich.

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THE FACE OF DEATH: Dead sea creature closely resembles a human head.

Fisherman nets half-human, half-fish in jungle river!

By MIKE FOSTER / Weekly World News

CHIEM HOA, Vietnam — An astonishing photo has surfaced here which appears to depict a fisherman with an amazing catch: A real-life mermaid!

Experts who've examined the photo say there are no signs of retouching. "Based on my 22 years in the field, there is absolutely no doubt in my mind that the photograph is genuine," declared award-winning nature photographer Cyril Barrow, a former photo analyst for Britain's Royal Air Force.

A French tourist claims he took the photograph on Feb. 1, 1994, shortly after arriving at a dock on the Cam River, at the end of a two-day boat tour of the remote region.

"I was climbing onto the wooden dock when I saw a fisherman using a bleach and tackle to haul a large creature," said Jean Rabaste, 35.

"To my amazement, I saw it had the upper torso of a young woman, but below the waist it resembled a large, silvery-scaled fish."

The fisherman, named Ta Hong Phong, told Rabaste he caught the creature in a net [illegible] they set out the net and it [illegible] her boat.

"I was flabbergasted and asked him to pose for a snapshot."

Before the day was out, local authorities heard about the death of the mermaid and launched an investigation.

"Apparently, the fisherman feared he might be charged with murder and panicked," said Rabaste. "He dumped the mermaid's remains in the river. When the police arrived, he denied everything."

A spokesman for the local Vietnamese government stated: "We have investigated the situation fully and we are satisfied that there are no mermaids in the Cam River."

However, famed marine biologist Francois Van Damme of Belgium has examined the photo and is convinced the creature is a previously unknown species of [illegible] closely related to man also resides in the water to prehistoric times."

He is planning to mount an expedition to the region to search for more mermaids this spring. "I am thrilled by this discovery."

FRENCH TOURIST Jean Rabaste, left, snapped this amazing photo above of fisherman Ta Hong Phong and his mermaid.

GATOR TALE!

Trillions of mosquites invade the U.S.

A blood-hungry 16 trillion each summer!

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS artist Dick Ridgely's drawing of Bigfoot

SHOCKING DISCOVERY! Hairy deep-woods ape-man is a...

BIGFOOT FROM OUTER SPACE!

By KELLY FRANCES

Bigfoot is a space alien, startling new evidence reveals

Stunned residents of a remote wilderness community on Lake Winnipeg in Northern Canada have actually seen the hairy nine-foot-tall creatures stepping out of UFOs at secret landing sites in the area.

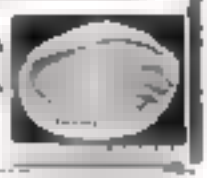
And incredibly the Royal Canadian Mounted Police have made plaster casts of mysterious six-toed footprints left behind by one of the extraterrestrial beasts.

"We've had to put up with the existence of these terrifying half-man, half-ape creatures for several years," said Gerald Applewhite, a 51-year-old backwoodsman who lives along the northern reaches of the meandering Pigeon River.

Amazingly, several of Applewhite's Brighton Bear neighbors have actually boarded the UFOs and taken rides on the spacecraft, he disclosed. "It's a thrill, but I'm [illegible]

Recently, after a flock of UFO sightings, a Mounted patrolling the [illegible] spotted tracks of [illegible]

[illegible] 15-inch-long footprints. A Canadian anthropologist who has examined the casts said he knows of "no earthly creature" that could have made the tracks.



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MY AMERICA

BY ED ANGER

Let's do medical experiments on humans — to cure animal diseases!

Using baboon blood AIDS creeps is an outrage!

MY AMERICA

I'm madder than a monkey with a rotten banana over that AIDS guy who tried to cure his disgusting disease by getting a bone marrow transplant from a poor baboon!

In fact, I'm pig-tailing mad about all these cruel, torturing medical experiments they're performing on innocent animals to make wrinkle-haired humans well again!

I hope you caught that newspaper story recently about how scientists have discovered that animals have high moral standards, ethics, a sense of fair play and distinct ideas about right and wrong.

In his blockbuster movie "Dr. Dolittle," Eddie Murphy learned how animals talk to each other.

Then he helped the United Nations Congress on Rights of Whales to protect them.

Other Animals Rights defenders at Wake Forest University have chimps share food, kiss and make up after fighting and hug all the time to make each other feel better.

My Brigham youngsters Dodger and Blossom come to me and tell me to make me feel better when I'm mad as hell and ready to throw my pillow at eight o'clock.

We can use criminals and illegal aliens as 'human lab rats' — and infect 'em with dog & monkey viruses!

[illegible] the side and I [illegible]

Blossom gave me an idea to share her head with my fat daughter in the [illegible] who usually eats it in the way.

And people have [illegible] sick [illegible] diseases and [illegible] know right from wrong and don't creep on the carpet.

Let's face it. I think it's high time we started using humans with animal diseases to [illegible] and Blossom can [illegible] dogs and cockroaches that scientists are fond of "testing." We could inject them with all kinds of animal diseases and take pills to cure them.

In fact, we could even offer [illegible] prisoners a shot with [illegible] to live as many years [illegible] a dog with animal disease.

And what about all those illegal aliens who'd like to make a little extra cash for a rainy day? Here's their chance to squeeze.

The Washington Post recently reported that humans are now being used as "lab rats" in Africa, Japan and Malaysia to find cures for animal diseases, and especially canine diseases.

Everybody knows dog is the highest priced at the dinner table in Tokyo or Chinese steak in Kansas City.

Last year alone, nearly 40,000 Japanese men, women and children died trying to find cures for doggie diseases.

So by gum, I think every veterinary college in America ought to start doing animal disease experiments on humans. Now

Ed Anger

LASSIE is more valuable than many human beings, says Ed.

ED ANGER'S LAB RAT POLL

YOU BE THE JUDGE

☐ **YES:** I agree with Ed that we should start doing animal disease experiments on humans for a change. Criminals and illegal aliens would be put [illegible] to work in God's open [illegible] first "lab rats" and they could [illegible] earn a little rainy day cash at the same time.

Send your vote to Ed Anger's Lab Rat Poll, Weekly

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HALLELUJAH!

Faith healer removes woman's tattoos!

EX-BIKER
Candi Wickers.

By MIKE FOSTER / Weekly World News

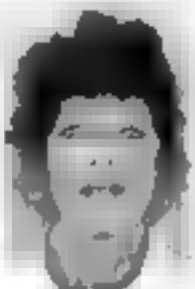
DAYTON, Ohio — Candi Wickers was unable to land a job, find a decent husband or even fit in at church because of the 33 tattoos that covered her body from head to toe.

But the former biker chicks that when famed faith healer Margaret Oren laid hands on her and prayed, the tattoos all VANISHED!

"It's a miracle," wept grateful Candi. "I feel like I have a new lease on life!"

The tattoo artist who etched on about half the markings admits he's astonished. "No process I knew of could have removed those tattoos so cleanly — there's no trace at all!"

From age 17 until her mid-thirties, Candi lived in the beer-swilling, Devil-may-care world of the Hell's Angels. "I slept around quite a lot," she admitted.



FAITH HEALER
Margaret Oren.

Over the years she accumulated many tattoos including a rose on her left cheek, a heart on her throat, a dragon winding down her right arm and a large butterfly on her backside.

But ten years ago Candi was nearly killed in a bike wreck — and when she was in the hospital she vowed to turn her life around.

Candi became a born-again Christian and took college courses in accounting. However, she found the tattoos made her lifestyle change difficult. "Everyone viewed me as a low-life," she said.

Last week Rev. Oren visited Candi's church — and when the faith healer asked for parishioners the ex-biker impulsively came forward and asked to be "cured" of her tattoos.

"Rev. Oren put her hands over each of my tattoos, while mumbling prayers," said Candi.

"For a moment, I felt like a fool. Then something tingly ran through my skin, like an electrical current. When I sat up I looked at my arms — and to my amazement, my tattoos were gone!"

Rev. Oren, 54, claims to be a "conduit" for God's power. "It was His will that this young woman be made clean again."

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By JOE BERGER

ACCRA, Ghana — When the fun-loving folk of this West African nation slip off to their heavenly reward, they do it in grand fashion — in custom-made coffins shaped like anything from a cow to a corn cob to a Cadillac!

The classy, intricately carved caskets are the work of master craftsmen and often sell for up to $2,000 apiece — in a nation where the average worker earns a measly $400 a year.

For our people, death is the beginning of a long and pleasant journey to the land of our ancestors and everyone wants to make that trip in style," said fisherman Frankie Tetteh, who dreams of the day he'll be buried in a ship and steer eternity with inlaid scales.

"Many of my friends have made the trip on fancy chicken boats but I'm the only one I know who'll go in a sardine can."

Tetteh's coffin — a replica of a [illegible] — will be built by [illegible] carpenter Kane Kwei.

"And the fisherman proudly wants to make the journey in a boat, an outboard motor — maybe even a yacht.

Contemporary citizens often start on the consignment of their own coffins years before their death — their delight in the [illegible] of creativity. [illegible] Kane Kwei [illegible] Many Americans will [illegible] see our work and a while [illegible] more [illegible] our coffins," said an artist [illegible]

Who says an American [illegible] the United States can't be buried in a work of [illegible] art, too.

MOTHER'S sometimes chosen to be buried in a [illegible] chicken-shaped coffin, symbolic of a protective maternal love.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT!

'Smart diet' boosts kids' intelligence!

Children fed a diet rich in certain foods get higher school grades, better reading scores and higher I.Q. scores, a study of Alabama school kids found.

Researchers found the "smart foods" included milk, yogurt, cheese, whole grains, [illegible] peanut butter, [illegible] soybean products, [illegible] and other foods, according to an article in the publication [illegible]

Docs want to perform surgery on golf course — between rounds!

TOKYO — Doctors here are petitioning for the right to do minor operations — on the golf course!

The Japanese Medical Association does not condone the request but a spokesman for Physicians Advocating Golf Course Surgery says

Lose 20 lbs. faster than you

The NEW Country

GARTH BROOKS can help you lose weight fast with the amazing Country Music Diet!

By LISA MERAKIS
World Diet News

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Turn up your radio and bring down your weight, country music fans — with this down-home diet that peels off pounds without fiddlin' around!

Dr Henry Filner's famous Country Music Diet will have you tapping your toes to the country beat while you cook up delicious low-fat foods.

The nutritionist says the average person can lose up to three pounds a week on his folksy foods and frisky workouts and never feel tired or hungry.

"Most people who go on a diet think they have to jog six miles a day and eat only raw carrots and sprouts to drop a few pounds," Dr Filner says. "On my Country Music Diet, your exercise comes from dancing for a half hour a day to your favorite country tunes. And you can fit into all your favorite foods and still lose weight.

"In fact, country cooking is great for you provided you take your head and cut down on fats."

Dr Filner's one-week diet can be repeated as often as you wish, the expert says, because it's nutritionally well-balanced. After a month, it's best to take a one week break, however.

And the nutritionist recommends that anyone who is considering this or any other weight-loss program should consult with a doctor first before making any drastic changes in eating and exercise habits.

Country Music Diet

MONDAY

Breakfast: 2 strips bacon, 2 4-inch buckwheat pancakes, 6 oz orange juice, coffee or tea with skim milk and artificial sweetener, if desired.

Lunch: 1 bowl homemade split pea soup made with ham bone or turkey ham, small vegetable salad with low-fat dressing, 1 sourdough roll, iced tea with artificial sweetener, tea or coffee. Fresh slice of angel-

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can say . . . 'GARTH BROOKS!'

Music Diet

REALLY WORKS, SAY EXPERTS

WITH YOUR COUNTRY MUSIC DIET PLAN

Dr. Pilmer

food spike served with ½ cup sliced strawberries.

Dinner: 2 loin pork chops, 1 baked sweet potato, 1 tsp low-fat margarine, ½ cup turnip greens, 1 chocolate or butterscotch brownie, iced tea with artificial sweetener

TUESDAY

Breakfast: 6 oz. apple juice, 1 biscuit with 3 tbsps gravy, coffee or tea

Lunch: ½ cup of cooked and rinsed black beans mixed with salsa served over ½ cup rice, 2 steamed corn tortillas, sliced tomatoes with low-fat dressing, homemade lemonade with artificial sweetener, sliced peaches in light syrup

Dinner: 3½ oz. chicken-fried steak, ½ cup potato mashed with skim milk and 1 tsp. low-fat margarine, ½ cup green beans, low-fat popsicle, iced tea, diet soda, coffee or tea

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: ½ cup cooked oatmeal, ½ cantaloupe, coffee or tea.

Lunch: Grilled cheese sandwich made with 2 slices whole wheat bread, 1 slice of no-fat Cheddar and sliced tomato, toasted with 1 tsp low-fat margarine, 1 orange, 2 fig bars, iced tea or diet soda

Dinner: 3½ oz. sirloin filet, breaded and fried in 1 tsp low-fat margarine, ½ cup coleslaw, ½ cup rice, 1 slice cornbread, ½ cup sliced unsweetened pineapple, iced tea, coffee or tea

THURSDAY

Breakfast: 1 small egg fried with low-fat margarine, 6 oz tomato juice, small serving grits, coffee or tea

Lunch: 6 oz. shrimp, steamed with Creole spices, medium vegetable salad with low-fat dressing, 1 sourdough roll, iced tea with artificial sweetener, diet soda, coffee or tea

Dinner: 3½ oz roast chicken, no skin, ½ cup cornbread stuffing, 2 tbsp gravy, ½ cup peas, ½ cup any flavor nonfat frozen yogurt, iced tea.

FRIDAY

Breakfast: 3 oz. ham country style ham, 1 slice whole grain toast with jelly, 1 grapefruit, coffee or tea

Lunch: Bowl of chili made with ½ cup cooked and rinsed pinto beans, simmered with 1 fresh peeled tomato, ½ chopped green hot peppers & desired and chili spices, served with 3 corn tortillas or 2 slices whole wheat bread, iced tea or diet soda, 1 apple

Dinner: 3½ oz lean baked ham, ½ cup mustard greens, ½ cup scalloped potatoes, 1 slice sourdough bread, 1 2-inch slice gingerbread with low-fat whipped topping, iced tea, coffee or tea.

SATURDAY

Breakfast: 1 small egg, poached, 6 oz orange juice, toasted English muffin with jam, coffee or tea

Lunch: 1 taco salad with taco shell, no sour cream, ½ cup refried or chocolate low-fat milk, 1 banana, iced tea, diet soda, tea or coffee

Dinner: 6 medium oysters, 1 baked potato, ½ cup okra, steamed, ½ cup applesauce, 1 diet popsicle, iced tea, coffee or tea.

SUNDAY

Breakfast: 2 strips bacon, 1 biscuit with turkey sausage gravy, ½ grapefruit, coffee or tea.

Lunch: 3 oz. lean roast beef sandwich with 2 slices of whole wheat bread, low-fat mayonnaise or mustard, ½ cup grapes or ½ cup blackberries, homemade lemonade with artificial sweetener, diet popsicle

Dinner: 3½ oz baked freshwater bass or trout, ½ cup baked or baked yam with 1 tsp low fat margarine, 1 ear of corn, with touch of low-fat margarine and salt, 1 piece cornbread, 1 piece sponge cake with ½ cup sliced fresh strawberries or raspberries, iced tea, coffee or tea.

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GET OUT OF DEBT!

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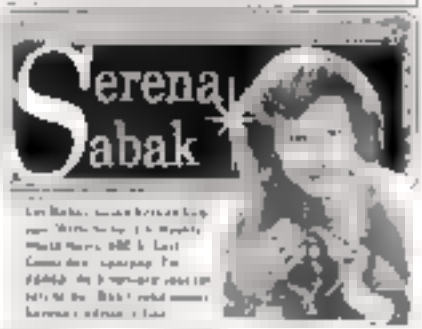
Should I become a nun — or marry my live-in lover?



Dear Serena: Ever since I was a young girl I have dreamed about becoming a nun. Now I think I'm ready to take the big step — and my live-in [illegible] is the only thing that's stopping me.

Eric is a wonderful guy but I never meant to fall in love with him. We've been living together for a couple of years and I could see myself marrying him but I know that would keep me from becoming a nun. I'm sorry to put this responsibility on you but I don't know what I should do. Please look into your crystal ball and decide which life will be best for me — being a nun or a housewife? — Undecided in Cameron

Dear Undecided: I'm sorry to tell you that your lover has no intention of marrying you. In fact, he would far out the door at the first mention of marriage. However, if you become a nun, you will live a wonderful and rewarding life and never regret your decision. I say dump the guy and head for the nunnery.

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Dear Serena: I'm a college basketball coach and I have disgraced myself. In my bid to win I have cheated in ways I never thought I was capable of. I can't risk telling you where I'm from but please tell me, if I admit to all the cheating I've done will I be considered a hero or will I be kicked out of coaching forever? — Ashamed of Myself

Dear Ashamed: If you're going to admit to anything, you better do it now — because athletic officials are about to start a huge search of your school's basketball program. Confessing might make you feel good — but no matter what you do, you won't have a job in coaching a year from today.

★ ★ ★

Dear Serena: I recently had a dinner party for about 12 people in my family and in the days the days everyone who was there got very sick. I have a horrible feeling I did it. I gave them all food poisoning. But my husband thinks it was just a flu bug that was passed around. You're the only way I can ever know for sure — did everyone get sick from the flu or did I give them all food poisoning? — Newlywed in Milford

Dear Newlywed: It was the flu. And it was your father-in-law who brought in the bug that infected everyone.

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Dear Serena: My grandfather lost his glass eye and can't find it anywhere. Don't get me wrong, it didn't fall out of his eye socket. He has his own eyes but this glass eye is an antique he bought many years ago for a lot of money. He's worried he'll never see it again. Can you help? — Helpful Granddaughter in Quincy

Dear Helpful: It's wrapped in aluminum foil and in a small tin box in the medicine cabinet in the bathroom. No, that is there several years ago so it would never be lost, but he just forgot about it.

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PERSONAL TO...

Angie Dees in Toronto: Your secretary stuck the hi-millibeing sign on your back — but all the other workers in the office paid her $10 to do it.

★ATTENTION GOTTI & SERENA FANS★

Our lovely columnists, Dark Princess and Serena Sabak, along with Ed Anger, are leading the Weekly World News charge into cyberspace!

I want to have sex with EVERY man on Earth!

SHARON in Little Rock.

Dear Dotti: As an attractive and sensual woman of 26, it has finally occurred to me that I can never settle down and marry. The reason? To confine my lovin' to one man would be criminal! I don't want to brag, but I'm a love-muffin extraordinaire — and I've decided to devote my life to sharing my charms with every man on Earth. My problem is my family. Mom and Dad, for instance, get physically ill whenever I mention my life's goal. And my brothers are trying to make me see a psychiatrist, so they clearly don't understand me. That's where you come in, Dotti. How can I make them see the light? — Sharon in Little Rock

Dear Sharon: Your family sees the light when they called that psychiatrist. So get real, right? Enough — and find the help a sane, sex-shy person YESTERDAY!

Hotheaded granny curses like a sailor!

Dear Dotti: My grandmother moved in with my parents and me a few months ago and she's pretty much made our lives the pits. The worst part is she's got a temper like you wouldn't believe — and curses like a sailor! When you get right down to it, I've had it with the old goat. So how can I get her off my back and out of my life for good? — David in Carthage

DAVID in Carthage

Dear David: If you're still living with your parents at the age of 19, you're on dig a freeloader on your grandmother. With that in mind, I advise you to keep your fat mouth shut — and learn to live with things that you're in no position to change!

Nit-picking hubby gives me the silent treatment!

Dear Dotti: My husband is a nice guy in most respects, but he's a nit-picker. He criticizes me for everything I do — and I'm sick of it! I've had it up to here with his constant complaints. I'm just about ready to leave him for good because he gets angry over the least little thing. The next thing I know he's giving me the silent treatment for days or even weeks on end. I come from a large family where everybody fussed and fought. Dotti, but at least we got things out in the open and got our problems behind us. Do you know of any way to make somebody end the silent treatment? If so, please help me. — Monica in Spencer

MONICA in Spencer

Dear Monica: No

Bratty kid lives like a queen — at my expense!

Dear Dotti: My 11-year-old daughter is living on Easy Street but does she show her appreciation

CONFIDENTIALS

Dear Wars Out in Carolina: Now you know why people call kids who are help-mates of yours "The Love Boat."

Dear Hands Up Gal in Eugene: Hands DOWN is more like it!

Dear Disappointed in Calmar: The next time you apply for a job, remember to leave the see-through blouse in your closet!

Dear Suspicious in Salem: Finding condoms in your wife's garter doesn't prove anything. Finding that black book with names, addresses and phone numbers of all men does!

Dear Dreaming Man in Linden: Would a 13-year-old girl be to you? Not unless her hips are working!

Dear Illiterate in Bedford: You're confusing *dyed* with "deceased" with "dead" — and in case you didn't know it, that's the ONLY reason you have to worry about "gentlemen friends"!

Dear Crushed in Hoover: If I didn't call you a fool, I'd be — but now that I think about it, I should have!

Dear Pleased in Beloit: Count to 10 and write when you're calmer!

and every game boy and trinket that money can buy. Her closet is full of designer dresses. And she even has her own little off-road motorcycle! In spite of this, she treats her father and me like dirt. If I so much as look at her wrong, she cuts loose with a string of profanity that would curl your hair! What's wrong with a child like that, Dotti? When I was a child I respected my elders and appreciated the wonderful things my parents did for me. — Ann in Toronto

ANN in Toronto

Dear Ann: Let the brat know she will not receive a penny of your money if that doesn't work, get serious — and give her up for adoption!

Idiot co-worker makes my life a living hell!

Dear Dotti: I work in an office with about 10 other people. Everybody is pretty decent and fairly easy to get along with. But there's this one girl who seems to do everything in her power to MAKE people

johns and has strong opinions about everything in spite of the fact that she barely graduated from high school and is a dyed-in-the-wool idiot. It wouldn't be quite so bad if she'd just stay at her computer and do her job in silence. But she's all mouth and about all the time — making our lives miserable. What can we do to stop her? — Roger in Bonham

ROGER in Bonham.

Dear Roger: If 10 people are offended by Ms. Stinky, then one of you should have the guts to stand up to her and say so. Since you're too wimpy to do the right thing, I strongly suggest that you sabotage her computer while the boss gets his fill of lame excuses — and fires the witch!

WHAT'S NEW YOU OVER THERE?

DOTTI'S PERSPECTIVES

Our longtime friend Dotti will answer your letters — and tell it like it is. Write to Dear Dotti, c/o Weekly World News, 600 S. East Coast Ave., Lantana, Fla. 33464. We'll forward your letters to her.

We can not guarantee that we or Dotti can help you, but many people have received helpful advice from Dotti. Please write to her at the address above.

SCIENTIST FINDS ICEBERG MADE OF SOLID GOLD!

EXPERTS estimate that the 400-ton-plus iceberg is worth at least $1.7 billion and analysis shows it is 22.5 percent gold.

By GEORGE SANFORD / Weekly World News

A maverick scientist's 20-year quest came to a triumphant conclusion when he located a rare iceberg made largely of gold!

Experts estimate that the 400-ton-plus iceberg found floating in the Arctic Ocean is worth at least $1.7 billion.

Geologist Robert Harris Kirchheim, who had endured decades of mockery from fellow scientists for proposing that such an iceberg could exist, is now getting the last laugh.

"It looks like I'm going to be a very rich man," chuckled the 70-year-old Australian.

Kirchheim first hit upon his theory as a Ph.D. candidate in the mid-1970s.

"Science has long known that a large amount of gold is present in the sea, but the high cost of recovering it would normally exceed its value," he explained. "I was intrigued by the possibility that gold might be concentrated in certain icebergs which have broken off from glaciers. After all, I reasoned, gold is heavier than water, so it would sink to the bottom of the ocean. But if it were trapped in ice, it would float."

Almost was prohibited, for becoming a laughingstock of the academic world. "I was treated as a welcome and couldn't land a job in my field," he recalled bitterly.

So the expert embarked on a mission to prove he was right.

"I sold everything I had to buy a boat and equipment," he said.

Initially he had a crew of 13, all infected by gold fever — but as fruitless years passed, their numbers dwindled to just three.

"My wife left me too," he said. "My team got by on peanut butter sandwiches and the patience we made from fishing."

One month ago Kirchheim's determination finally paid off.

"I was on the bow when I spotted an iceberg ahead — and could see that it had a yellowish tint. I screamed aloud, 'Eureka!'"

Using a pickax to break through an outer shell of hard

Floating 'treasure chest' worth a cool $1.7 billion

HOW TO GET A JOB!

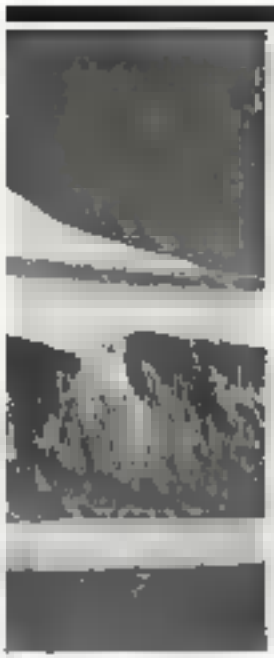
The secret to getting the job you want can be summed up in one word: Enthusiasm!

In a brand-new survey, 350 employers were asked, "What is the most important quality you look for in a job applicant?"

Enthusiasm ranked No. 1 with a whopping 84 percent of them. Job experience was rated first by a mere 13 percent. Appearance was most important to a dismal three percent.

Other factors were cheerfulness, attractiveness and a normal body weight.

Drive yourself to the stars!



The story every new parent must read!

BABIES WHO KILL

By MIKE FOSTER / Weekly World News

PRINCETON, N.J. — Children as young as 15 months sometimes commit murder — and the deadly tots are rarely caught, says an expert.

"Individuals who are predisposed to become serial killers often demonstrate dangerous homicidal behavior at an early age," explained Dr Phillip Kaufman, an expert in child development and author of *Babies Who Kill*.

"For example, the Milwaukee cannibal James Dahmer was already torturing and slaughtering animals by age 4.

"To date, most [illegible] have been known to commit their first murders under the age of 2 — and as young as 16 months. Usually these crimes are misinterpreted by police and family members as accidents. Typically, it is only if the child grows up and is caught committing additional crimes that the original murder is reinvestigated and finally solved."

A 1987 Justice Department study estimated that children under age 2 are responsible for at least 36 suspicious deaths each year. Here are some recent cases gathered by Dr Kaufman:

DAYTON, Ohio — The distraught mom of a 15-month-old infant is found dead after eating a "diet" cake laced with sugar. Several packs of sugar are later discovered hidden in the baby's diaper.

KINGSTON, N.Y. — A 16-month-old child pulls free from his father's grasp and darts into traffic. While the man tries to save the tot, he is mowed down by an oncoming truck. Police report the youngster "giggled and pointed at the remains of the deceased."

HOUSTON, Texas — The teenage sister of a 17-month-old girl is electrocuted in a bathtub when the little child "accidentally" pushes a small TV set into the water.

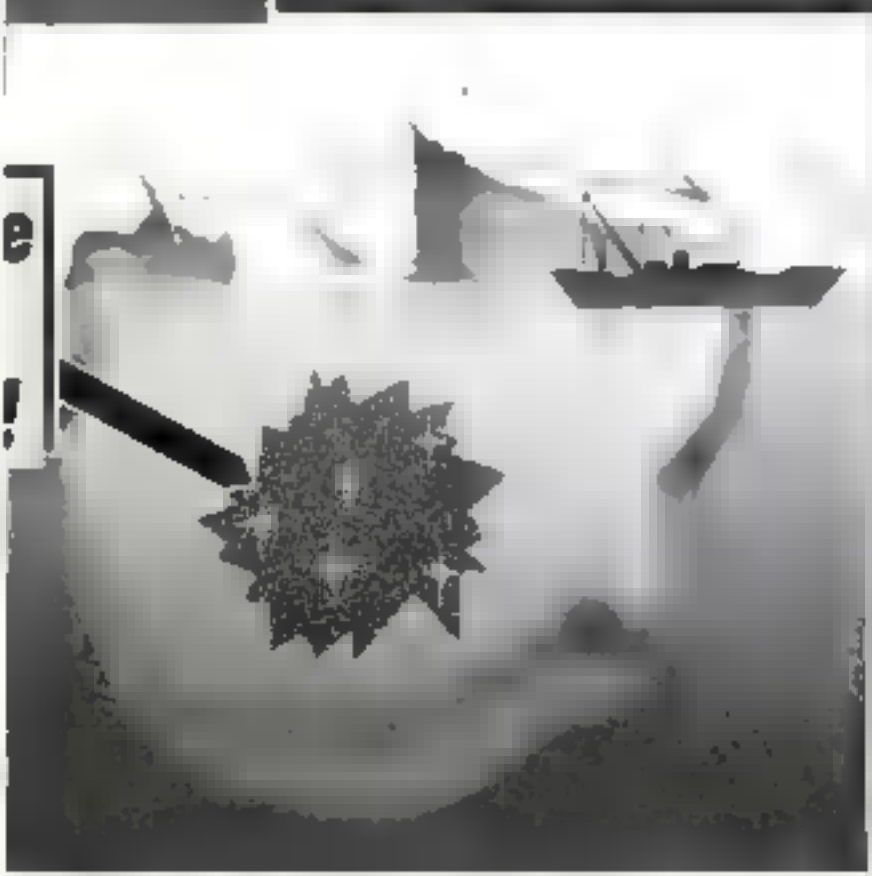
Some children really turn into murderers before the age of 2!

When a child kills someone, it's no accident, says Dr. Philip Kaufman.

There are several signs your child could be a potential killer, said Dr Kaufman. A baby is likely to turn deadly if he or she:

- Appears to take pleasure in squeezing your fingers painfully.
- Laughs or smiles when family members hurt themselves.
- Fails to respond normally to affectionate behavior.

Dr. Kaufman tells *Weekly World News* readers: "If your baby shows any of these warning signs, consult a child psychologist immediately."



THE ARROW points to Weekly World News artist Dick Rolfe's drawing of a castaway in the iceberg where geologist Robert Harris Kirchheim found the gold ore

tain of ice and rock revealed that it is 83.3 percent gold. "It also contains unusual, lube-shaped, air-filled cavities," Kirchheim has contracted with a major mining concern which has commissioned a 75-passenger cruise ship with special mining equipment to facilitate the removal of the gold ore. A spokesman for the mining company said that the ship will be ready to sail within 18 months.

Colorful sayings that make an old grump smile!

Fun as a lottery winner making new friends . . . High as a kite's tail on a dog show . . . Mad as a hornet with a toothache.

These are just a few of the colorful comparisons collected in the new book, Happy as a Clam and 9,999 Other Similes, by Larry Wright. "Collecting these similes made me pleased as a dog with two tails."

Here are a few more side-splitting comparisons from the book:

- As flat as a waiter's foot.
- As busy as [illegible]

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By KATHY ROSS / Weekly World News

Super trivia EXPLOSION

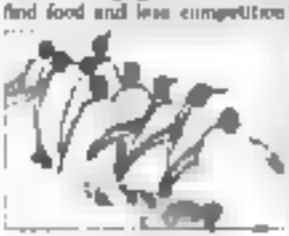
The answers to some of life's most fascinating questions can be found in the book *Do Penguins Have Knees?* by David Feldman.

Here for Weekly World News readers, are some delightful facts most people don't know:

● **Do penguins have knees?** Yes, they do, it's just not [illegible] their knees are hidden under a warm layer of feathers.

● **Why do birds bother flying back north after migrating to the south for the winter?** The single biggest reason why birds migrate is to find food. Food supplies of insects dwindle up north in the winter and become plentiful again in the spring. So the birds return.

Many birds simply come back because the weather improves. But they also return to nest in the spring because there are fewer predators, more hours of daylight in which to find food and less competition for nesting sites than down south.



WHAT'S hidden under the feathers of penguins?

● **What happens to your social security number when you die?** When someone dies, the number is retired. The nine-digit system has a capacity for creating nearly one billion possible combinations. A little more than a third have been used in the 55 years since the first number was issued.

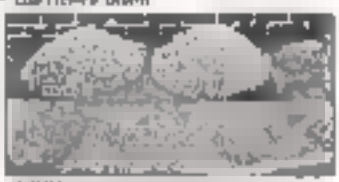
● **Why are peanuts listed under the ingredients of "plain" M&Ms?** Peanuts are finely ground and added to the chocolate for flavor. The quantity of peanuts in the candy is so small that labeling laws do not require that that small amount of peanuts be listed as an ingredient, but it is done voluntarily so that consumers with allergies will know.

WHY are the fingers on your hands all [illegible] lengths?

But it's in the [illegible]

● **Why are address labels on subscription magazines usually placed upside down?** The labels are placed upside down to accommodate the postal carriers. All magazines are keyed so the [illegible] on the left-hand side. Most postal carriers, being right-handed, naturally pick up a magazine by the spine with their right hands to read the address label — the magazine is thus automatically turned upside down. But the label is now "right side up" and easily read by the postal carrier.

● **Why are our fingers different lengths?** Different length fingers evolved over time to help us [illegible] better. As the "even hand" would be less versatile. A long little finger, for example, would get smashed more often.



WHY are peanuts listed as an ingredient in your M&Ms?

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Worried scientist [illegible] for halt to all radio and TV signals

By IRWIN FISHER [illegible]

An astronomer is seeking a ban on all radio and television transmissions to keep from arousing the interest of a space "thing" that could kill us all!

"It's time to be quiet," Dr. Vald Sorensen told a gathering of scientists and reporters in [illegible], Denmark.

"There is definitely something prowling around out there and we shouldn't attract its attention with radio and TV signals that travel at the speed of light through space.

"Animal? Monster? A fleet of intergalactic battle cruisers? I don't know what it is. I do know that it's huge ... and we'd be fools to consider it anything but deadly."

ASTRONOMER Vald Sorensen

The astronomer's grim warning [illegible] views of the [illegible] conference.

Radio astronomer [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible] is traveling toward our solar system at a speed that would place it here [illegible] next September.

[illegible] government[illegible] of [illegible] on Earth [illegible] a ban on all but [illegible] radio and TV transmissions [illegible]

[illegible] might be able to avoid a confrontation," he said.

[illegible]

[illegible]

In spite of Dr. [illegible] Dr. Sorensen said he will [illegible]

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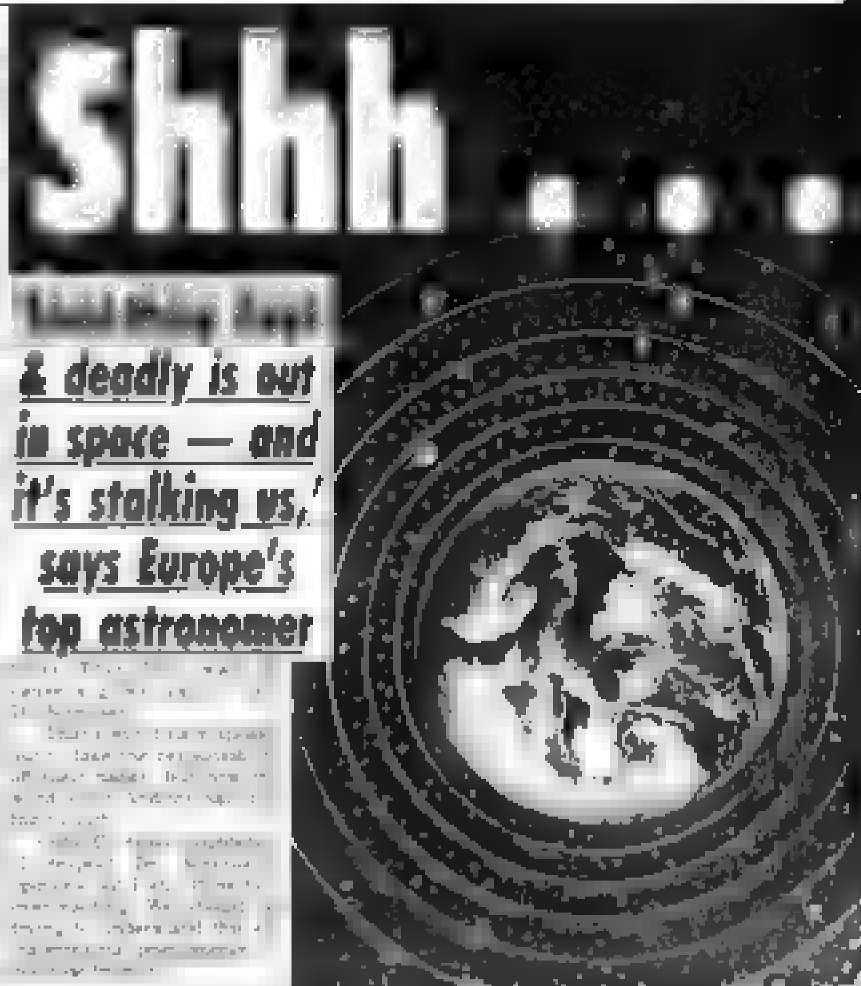
Shhh . . . .

'[illegible] & deadly is out in space — and it's stalking us,' says Europe's top astronomer



Man kills girlfriend over sexy stockings!

A man stabbed his girlfriend 23 times in the neck because she was planning to wear sexy stockings to a party!

Kenneth Holmes pleaded guilty to manslaughter for killing Carol White, 27, at their home in Swindon, England.

Holmes [illegible] rage when he overheard [illegible] she was going to wear sexy stockings to a party at the [illegible] hall where she [illegible]

[illegible]

1,000 PEOPLE ATTEND SNAKE'S FUNERAL!

KING COBRA [illegible]

NEW DELHI, India — Nearly 1,000 mourners attended a $[illegible] funeral for their beloved friend — a snake!

For most of his [illegible] years, [illegible], a 15-foot king cobra, had been the mascot of the famed Mehta Institute, which has taught three generations of snake charmers since its founding in 19[illegible].

[illegible] died of natural causes. His lavish funeral was paid for by more than [illegible] former Mehta students, their families and friends.

[illegible] is remembered as an intelligent, friendly [illegible]

Boozing in cold weather can KILL you!

If a big old St. Bernard finds you stranded on the slopes of an icy mountain [illegible], you'd be better off hugging the hound than chugging the brandy he's toting.

[illegible]

[illegible] actually be [illegible] of the blood vessels.

"In fact, while you get the feeling of [illegible]

Weekly World News exclusive: The WORLD'S BIGGEST CROSSWORD!

ACROSS

1 Elvis' haunt
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29 Landed property
30 Roman numeral 57
32 Publishing executive
34 — — carte
37 Assault
38 Small and delicate
39 CIA operative
41 Scandinavian bays
42 Reply, quickly
43 Confronted boldly
45 Adequately
46 Spoiled horses
48 Small sea gull
50 Obsolete weapons
51 Furious
52 Pottery fragment
54 "Pussycat, pussycat, where have you — ?"
56 Fuzzy covering
58 Denuded
59 Tree type
60 Commotion
61 Brainstorms
63 Morning moisture
65 Reminisce
66 Limp, loose
71 Sahara watering hole
72 Tilts against
74 Roadside border
78 Blob of whipped cream
80 Boot ornament
81 Miami's county
82 "— days has September, ..."
83 Shifty
84 Two-family house
85 Mortar spreader
86 Casual restaurants
90 From this place
91 Piercing appendage
94 — and behold
95 Capture
97 Oak nut
99 "The die — cast"
101 Good luck charms
103 16th President's nickname
105 Omelet base
107 [illegible] place fireplace
111 [illegible]ingly
112 [illegible]
113 Thusly
114 Pending court cases
115 Song
116 Paradise place
117 After dinner sweet
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125 Weight measure
126 Add sugar
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144 Express gratitude
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150 Goes with cream
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160 Eye parts
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172 Designated representative
174 — a case for words
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197 Sanctity
[illegible] Golden [illegible]
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211 [illegible]
213 [illegible]
214 Flutter, as wings
217 Glossy fabric
218 Half a dozen
220 Wild pigs
221 Misguided
222 Amateurs
224 Retired military persons
226 Lawyer Darrow
231 French cape
232 Food container (2 wds)
234 Affirmative answer
235 Thin overlay
236 Pursue
237 Egg layer
238 Hockey puck stopper
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266 "Close, but not — "

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2 Message
3 Dry as a bone
4 Cartoons
5 Sword
6 Defend
7 From, in a poem
8 Let catch
9 Thrown about
11 Comparing
12 Bothers
13 Stout, support
14 Eye nerve
16 Faithfully
17 Baby's first words
19 [illegible]
20 Hollow wood
22 Requirement
23 British [illegible]
25 Baby goats
27 Pronouncement
31 Pressed
33 Sprinted
35 "Better — than never"
36 Tooth [illegible]
38 Snow [illegible]
40 Funeral fire
41 Little white lie
44 [illegible]
46 Female god of war
47 "To — own self be true"
49 Sign up for classes
53 Hyphens
55 Touch
56 Cold water [illegible]
57 Ohio city
58 Fly like a hummingbird
59 Savory jelly
60 More [illegible]
62 Loads the gun
67 Speaks without thinking
68 Likely to
70 Puts a hex on
72 Observed
74 Commercials, for short
75 Showy purple flower
77 Colorado Amerindian
78 Humans
82 Gears for feeds
83 Pile up
85 "That's the — the ball bounces"
87 Lamb unit
88 "A — late and a dollar short"
89 Denial word
92 Sail posts
93 Solemn promise
95 Manufactures
96 One more time
100 Goal stopper
102 Butter's counterparts
103 Pedestal vase
104 Double curve
106 Immediately
108 Scratch out a living
110 Gag
117 Baby's room
118 Nightmare creature
120 Wasp's weapon
121 Gold brick
124 Crafty deception
125 Migrating [illegible]
127 "— And Peace"
128 Historic time period
129 Conclude
131 Compass pt.
133 Hemingway's [illegible]
135 Light brown
136 Reddish yellow
137 Small [illegible]
138 Money [illegible]
140 Depleted
141 Traverse
143 Observe carefully
144 Small fruit pies
145 Performs in a play
146 Receive
147 First First Lady
149 Honeybee [illegible]
150 Lick up
151 By way of
152 Musical [illegible]
154 Vocational path
156 Thick adhesives
157 The sixth planet
159 Hold onto
162 Female deer
163 "— Miserables"
164 Sweet potato
165 For each
166 Walking poles
170 Developmental stage
171 Loop-woven fabrics
173 Surgical dressing material
174 Lowest point
176 Footprints
178 Self-images
179 Health care org. (Abbr.)
180 Woe
181 Tap beverage
183 Hound for payment
185 Nights before
186 Witty remark; bon —
188 Panacea
189 "Don't upset the — "
190 Bread
192 Honeydew is one
194 Windows, strategically
195 Purify, as petroleum
197 Chomps down
199 Farm [illegible] in this
201 Nocturnal pest
203 Infant's plaything
206 Rant and —
208 Guards or holders
210 Eased up
212 Canadian Indian tribe
215 Hindu gods
216 Writing implement
219 Diaper [illegible]
220 Attack on all sides
221 Tent stake
222 Surface disintegration
223 Small drinks
225 Make amends for
227 Negative battery terminal
228 "Fly by the — of your pants"
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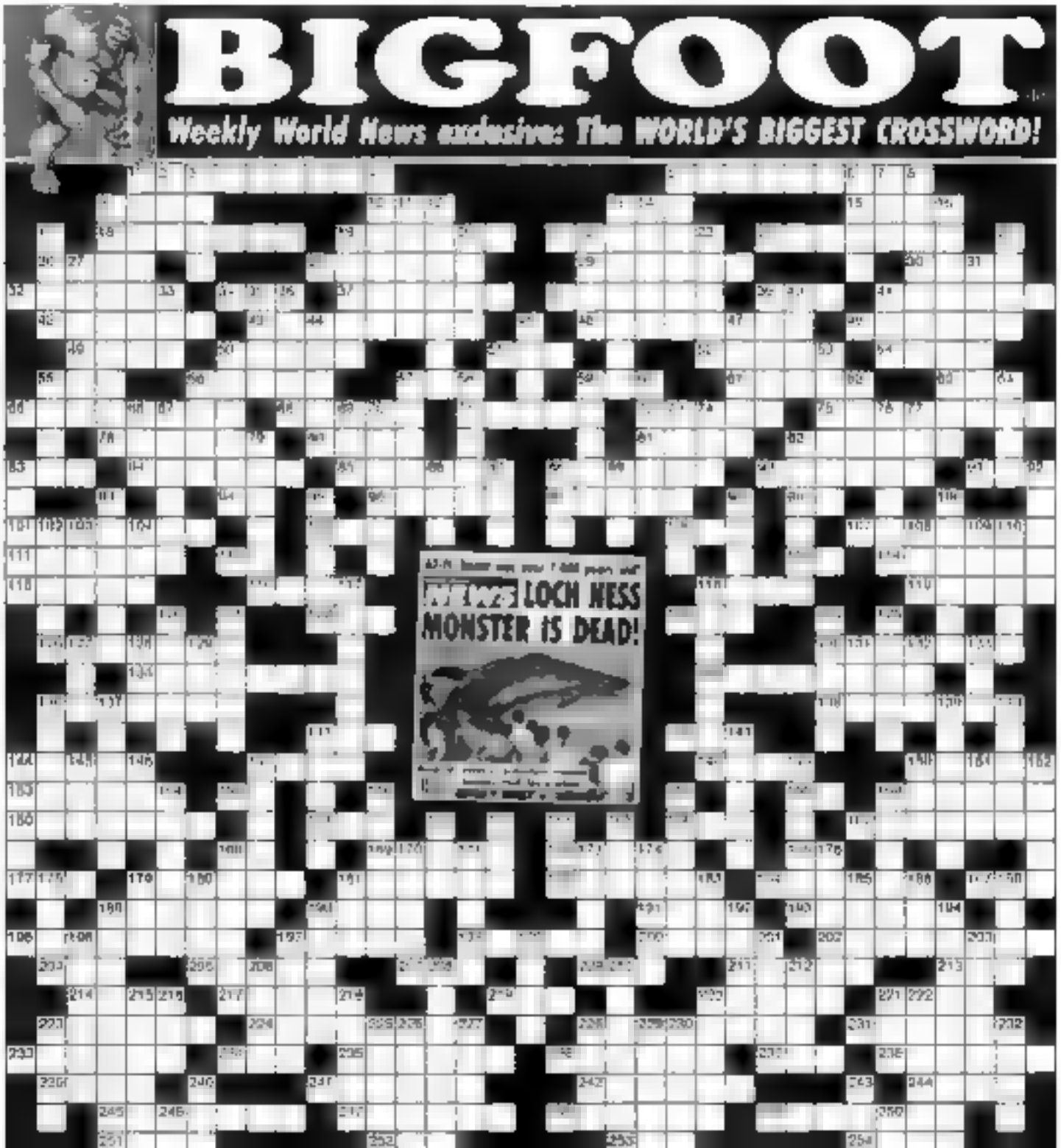
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Does the green-eyed monster have a hold on you? Is he stalking around in your heart, wanting to turn a beautiful romance into a horrible battle of the wills?

Jealousy has been known to drive lovers to madness — even resulting in cold-blooded murder.

To find out just how jealous you are take the simple test recommended by experts. Chalk up one point for every question you're forced to answer "Yes." Here you go:

- Rummaged through the dishwasher for extra wine glasses or other signs your partner has cheated on you?
- Dug into wastebaskets or garbage cans for telltale cigarette or cigar butts?
- Checked the records left on the stereo or the tape left in the cassette player to see if your sweetie's been playing romantic music when you're not around?
- Secretly played back the messages on your lover's telephone answer machine?
- Read every scrap of paper in the wastebasket?
- Searched through your mate's diary, letters, notebooks or pockets?
- Phoned a number you found scribbled on a scrap of paper or a book of matches?
- Scoured the bedroom for signs of infidelity like extra hairs on the pillow?
- Looked for some other woman's makeup or another guy's shaving gear in the bathroom?
- Telephoned your honey at unusual or unexpected times just to check up on him or her?
- Noted the car mileage to see if your lover is making any unexplained side trips?
- Cleaned out the car looking for signs that your sweetheart has strayed?
- Asked out a boyfriend or girlfriend's house at night to see what time they got home and who was with them — or gotten up early to see who's leaving?
- Gone through a partner's credit card receipts or check stubs looking for unexplained purchases like flowers, theater tickets or fancy meals?
- Secretly listened to your partner's phone calls on an extension?

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8-8: Pshaw! It doesn't hurt to be a little curious about what your partner's up to. Most of us are.

4-6: Time to think about why you're behaving the way you are. It's only making you unhappy and you won't be able to hide your jealousy much longer.

9-15: The green-eyed monster has a firm grip on you. If you don't change, you're al-

REMEMBER WHEN?

It was the summer of 1992. Moneybags businessman Ross Perot had temporarily thrown in the towel, but Bill Clinton and George Bush continued their tooth-and-nail battle for the Presidency. Andre Agassi and Steffi Graf captured Wimbledon, a federal grand jury was investigating the Iran-Contra scandal — and Elvis Presley broke his leg in a Nashville motorcycle crash!

A *Weekly World News* photographer captured this dramatic shot of the 57-year-old Elvis leaving a hospital with a nurse on July 2, 1992 — proving once and for all that The King had faked his death in 1977 and lived well into middle age.

Witnesses said Elvis lost control of his motorcycle while riding along a creek bank and crashed into a tree on June 30. He was rushed to the hospital by three friends, suffering from a mild concussion and a broken right leg.

Our photog was the only one on hand when the aging rocker [illegible] the hospital through a back entrance two days later.

"This may well be the most important photo ever taken of Elvis," said one biographer. "After all this talk about is Elvis alive or isn't he, finally we know for sure."

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LOOK 20 YEARS YOUNGER — IN JUST 20 WEEKS!

It's easy to look up to 20 years younger in 20 weeks — thanks to some simple tips from Dr. Stuart Berger, author of *Forever Young*.

[illegible] these [illegible] tips for 20 weeks and friends are sure to sit up and take notice, says Dr. Berger, a physician [illegible].

1. Rejuvenate your skin. Daily doses of vitamins C and E and beta carotene [illegible] your skin cells. Here's how much to take, based on your skin condition:

[illegible] 1 grams of vitamin C, [illegible] international units (IU) of vitamin E and [illegible] IU of beta carotene.

[illegible] signs of aging: [illegible] grams of vitamin C, [illegible] IU of vitamin E and [illegible] IU of beta carotene.

[illegible] wrinkled and weathered: [illegible] grams of vitamin C, [illegible] IU of vitamin E and [illegible] IU of beta carotene.

2. Revitalize your hair. Five minutes of scalp massage a day [illegible] from head to toe [illegible] increases blood flow necessary for healthy, lustrous hair growth.

3. Boost your energy with proper breathing. For five minutes a day, practice deep breathing — inhaling slowly until your lungs are fully expanded, then exhaling as you count to five.

4. Shed surplus weight. A Johns Hopkins Medical Institution study shows eating a few mouthfuls of dessert before lunch and dinner will not only [illegible] but will [illegible] less and lose pounds.

5. Restore muscle tone. Try to get in an extra hour of physical activity a day. Even simple activities like gardening, bike riding, swimming, walking or bowling will do the trick.

6. Cultivate a joyful attitude. Smiling makes you look younger — but you need an upbeat attitude to do that.

Suggests the expert: "When asked how you feel, instead of responding 'Fine,' try 'Great!'"

7. Develop a youthful outlook. "Become friends with enthusiastic young people," Dr. Berger says.

"Volunteer to babysit for a neighbor or chaperone a school dance.

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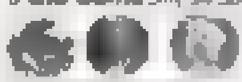

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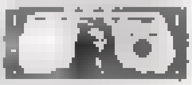

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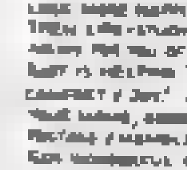

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HOMER'S intelligence and sensitivity is found on par with the newly discovered chimpanzee

By ANN VICTORIA / Weekly World News

PENSACOLA, Fla. — A new high-tech device proves what pet owners have known for years: Animals think, reason and feel far more than science ever suspected!

Noted researcher Dr Max Dorilyn has invented and developed a state-of-the-art instrument known as the Monsterizer. He used it to test more than 400 dogs, cats, horses and mice and found them to be "infinitely more intelligent and sensitive than the scientific community previously believed." The Monsterizer combines the ancient healing art of acupuncture with state-of-the-art electroencephalograph technology. Needles are painlessly inserted at key points on animals' head. Sensors store this relay brain and nerve responses in a computer that interprets the electronic data.

Dr. Max Dorilyn

"Horses are particularly sensitive," says Dr Dorilyn. "They have an immense capacity to love — far greater than humans — and they respond to subtleties in human facial expressions and tone of voice. Their feelings are hurt by even minor insults." Dr Dorilyn says cats are the most intelligent species.

"Even young kittens are capable of complex reasoning," he says. "While we were testing one 6-week-old Siamese, we hid her food dish in the laboratory supply closet and left the door slightly ajar. We wanted to see if she could find it from a distance.

"We just bet: 'Your food dish is over in the dark.' We watched her thought patterns intensify as she struggled with the idea and were enough when we discontented her: she headed right for the supply closet — the only dark place in the lab."

While Dr Dorilyn stops short of saying animals understand human language or think, he does believe they "have intelligence and sensitivity on par with the newly discovered chimpanzee."

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'I played poker with Satan — and lost my soul!'

Why California millionaire KNOWS he's going to Hell!

By RANDY JEFFRIES

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Success-ful businessman Tom Abberman would trade all his riches to go back and undo the mistake he made 20 years ago, when he played poker with Satan — and lost his soul!

Abberman, not a practicing member of any church, still recalls the night he bargained away his life [illegible] with a stranger who turned out to be none other than Satan himself.

And three players who were there at the time support his story.

"I was just a young fool," says the 42-year-old husband and father of two. "Like lots of immature college guys, I used to spend money like crazy and [illegible] to dollars, one night I was playing [illegible] and soul with some guys in the dorm when a stranger showed up. He just asked if he could [illegible]

Almost instantly, I started losing a bad run of luck while the stranger kept winning. Finally, we came to a showdown with [illegible] straight flush. The other guy and I kept raising until every one dropped out and the pot was up to $101 - enough to get back my losses and a whole lot [illegible]

The stranger even sweetened the pot by promising Abberman wealth and success throughout his life.

"Naturally I thought he was a nut. I agreed instantly.

"But amazingly he laid down a royal flush, picked up the money and walked out saying, 'I'll see you in the year 1988.'"

Abberman's life took an almost immediate turn for the better the very next day when he was introduced to a record promoter who offered the eager young man a job working with him.

Abberman quit college and never looked back.

"Everything I touch turns literally to gold," he says. "I have a beautiful home, a wonderful family and fulfilling work.

"But he said he'd see me in 1988 and since everything else he said came true, I'm convinced I'm going to Hell this year."

MANY HIGH-STAKES GAMBLERS have been known to risk their entire fortune on the turn of a card.

Mother Nature should be tried for murder!

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DEATH-ROW WEDDING SHOCKER

Juror marries killer she sentenced to gas chamber!

SUSAN JIMISON Weekly World News

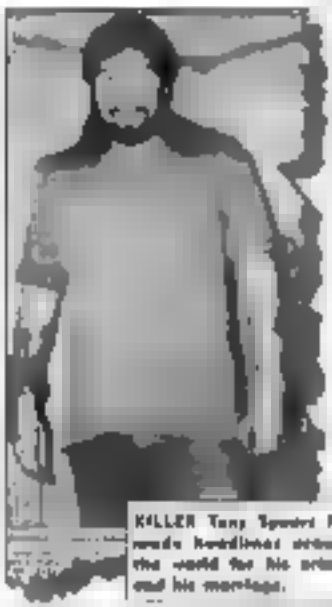
PHOENIX, Ariz. — Janet Spears was the foreman of the jury that sentenced killer Tony Spears to the gas chamber. Now she is his wife.

In February 1994 — a year after the verdict was read — blonde Janet, 39, wed the convicted murderer in a touching five-minute ceremony. Since then, the legal assistant's only contacts with Tony have been limited to a few stolen kisses and hugs at the prison where the man awaits execution.

"They say love conquers all and that's exactly what happened," recalled Janet in a recent interview. "When I saw Tony I knew he was the man for me. There was something in his eyes that captured my heart.

"I didn't see a crazed evil killer, but a loving person. Call it women's intuition, I just knew he was my man."

The bizarre love story began when Tony was arrested for the brutal killing of a woman whose body was dumped in the Arizona desert. Cops arrested him as he drove the dead woman's pickup truck and found a pistol in the glove compartment that [illegible] was to be the murder weapon.



KILLER Tony Spears has made headlines around the world for his crimes and his marriage.

Death row wedding

STRANGE LOVE: Janet Spears helped condemn Tony Spears — and then she married him.

A few months later, Janet was assigned to be a juror in Tony's trial. She was elected foreman and soon found she was the only juror who believed Tony might be innocent. She fought for her beliefs but eventually capitulated and agreed with other jurors that Tony was guilty of murder.

"Then as Tony was being led away our eyes met and I saw no anger," she recalls. "I realized I'd made a terrible mistake."

Guilt-stricken Janet immediately wrote Tony a letter apologizing to him for what she'd done. Tony wrote back — and soon the pair were passionate pen pals. Janet visited the prison to visit the man she loved and a year later the two agreed to wed.

"I know people will look at me and say I'm crazy," Janet says. "But we're both deeply in love. That's more than many married couples can say."

Tony and Janet will have years together before the killer's sentence is carried out, lawyers agree because the lengthy appeals process could take as long as a decade.

Many Americans can't find U.S. on world map!

Shockingly, nearly 1 in 5 young adults in America can't find the U.S. on a map! According to a revealing Gallup poll, 62 percent of Americans age 18 to 24 can't locate Germany on a map of the world, 48 percent can't identify Japan — and incredibly, 14 percent can't even find America!

Half of government workers don't know who their boss is!

WASHINGTON — Almost half of federal employees don't know the names of their bosses — who are all members of the President's Cabinet!

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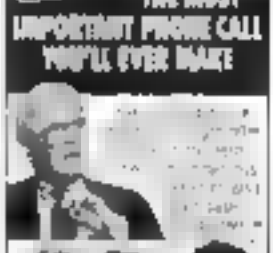

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An 11-year-old boy emerges as the top choice in the presidential race . . . scores of nude athletes throw the Summer Olympics into turmoil . . . and wacky Michael Jackson announces he's pregnant!

Those are just a few of the startling predictions for the rest of 1996 made by psychic Eva Doregana, exclusively for *Weekly World News*.

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By ALEX MORGAN

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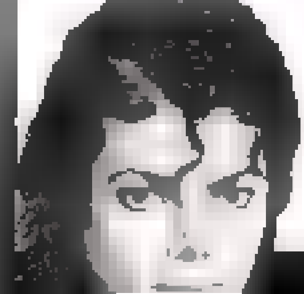
PSYCHIC to the rich and famous Eva Doregana, above.



WACKO Michael Jackson takes a turn to the bizarre, even for him — he announces he's pregnant.

DISGRACED figure skater Tonya Harding, right, will be all smiles before Nancy Kerrigan locks her butt in an all-out 28-minute grudge-wrestling match.

CTIONS FOR THE REST OF 1996

IT'S no joking matter when Johnny Carson returns to TV.

land in the Bible to never destroy the Earth with water again.

● In July, a 32 pound meteor tax crashes through the roof of the White House and lands in the doorway of the bathroom where President Clinton is brushing his teeth. The President is shaken up and denies the White House rat suffers a cut leg, but no serious injuries are reported.

● Athletes from Greece barn the Atlanta Olympics upside down when they carry through on their threat to compete nude in the Games. Several athletes from 16 other countries, including the United States, decide to wear their uniforms — but startled officials cancel dozens of events when athletes show up naked. In one event that does take place, the record for the 100-meter run is lowered to 7 minutes, 12 seconds. And even more shocking, the new mark is set by a slightly overweight, 66-year-old Italian man who admits he smokes two packs of cigarettes a day.

● In August, a naked man is arrested running across the White House lawn at 3 a.m. The drunk streaker is released when he is identified as a visiting French diplomat.

● Congress passes a new law banning stealing among gang members, declaring the habit a health hazard and form of child abuse.

● In late September former figure-skating rivals Tonya Harding and Nancy Kerrigan finally agree to a $2 million winner-take-all mud wrestling match for pay-per-view TV. Nancy suffers a broken nose but wins after 28 grueling minutes.

● Madonna leaves show business and goes into the monastery. The move startles her fans, but insiders point out that her music has been trending in a spiritual direction for the past two years.

● In October, Clinton drops out of the presidential race, citing "emotional distress." The Democratic Party picks TV newscaster Dan Rather as their new nominee.

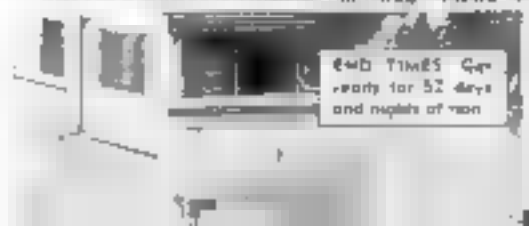
● An innovative new tax system dubbed "The People's Tax" sails through the U.S. Congress. The reformed system designed to encourage citizens to work harder and make more money sees income of lower rates as the persons income goes up. Those bringing home more than $2 million annually end up paying no tax at all.

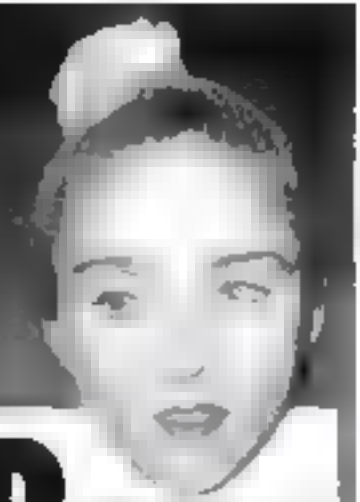
● In November a spike was thrown by a industrial saboteur into Florida's electric chair — escaping the normally deadly jolts without so much as a scratch or burn. The prisoner is returned to Death Row while the courts re-examine his case.

● Britain's Parliament votes to [redacted] the devastating Mad Cow Beef Family beverage, are guaranteed a return to [redacted] in the United States. Thanks to a special inter-national agreement, the blue bloods get well paying jobs teaching manners to wealthy Americans.

● In December, Australian Mel DeLuxe re-covers [redacted] to claim as a Malia due to The Godfather IV. Critics agree that the laughed rumor is a shoo-in to win an Academy Award for best actor.

● A new get rich-quick scheme has eight consumers lining up to buy parts of a type of asteroid that at the cost of $50 apiece. Pet shop owners figure the craze is related to the popularity of Newt Gingrich, the Republican congressman.





FROM SLUT TO SAINT: Madonna goes from sleazy religious subject and goes into the ministry.

AN OFFER THAT CAN'T BE REFUSED: Funnyman Dom DeLuise looks up on Academy Award for playing a Mafia don.

PRESIDENT CLINTON surviously escapes losing bid by a 32-pound meteorite.

New sign that the End Times are

FIRE BREAKS OUT ON THE MOON

Dr Billy Graham

The [redacted] will turn blood red during Earth's final days, says Holy Bible

near!

WASHINGTON — Raging wildfires erupted on the moon late last year in a phenomenon that researchers say can't possibly be happening — but is!

And while NASA and independent researchers struggle to explain how fires can burn and spread without oxygen in the icy vastness of space, Bible scholars and clergymen are saying that the situation is important new proof that the end of the world is near.

By MICHAEL Mansfield
World Affairs Reporter

In fact, the famed evangelist Dr [illegible] Graham is said to be planning a worldwide television address to draw attention to this dramatic, and some might say frightening, new sign that the End Times are, in fact, here.

"Explain it? How the hell do you expect me to explain it?" said Dr. Jon Rathbeter, an astrophysicist and NASA advisor who is investigating the case.

"Fires are raging out of control on the surface of the moon in an atmosphere and environment that contain neither oxygen nor combustible materials of any kind.

"Science — at least any science that I'm familiar with — isn't prepared to explain something like this.

"All we can do is observe the situation and seek answers to questions that we aren't even prepared to ask.

"Questions like, 'Is this the work of a Supreme Being who can defy the laws of physics with a wave of His hand?'

"That is hardly something that we, as scientists, should be concerned with. But when we see the impossible happening, we really have no choice.

"We have to start our enquiry somewhere."

Astronomers around the world first noticed a change in the brightness of the moon on December 16.

NASA began its investigation several days later.

And even though nobody in the space agency is willing to discuss it for the record, Dr. Rathbeter obtained photographs that clearly show wildfires the size of continents burning on the lunar surface.

The photographs are dramatic enough to make even laymen do a double take.

But experts like Dr. Rathbeter are absolutely beside themselves. "Because conventional scientific wisdom doesn't allow for fires on the moon."

It remains to be seen how NASA will continue its investigation and to what lengths the space agency will go to to find out exactly what is happening to the moon.

Dr. Rathbeter and other researchers are hoping that NASA will launch a moon probe, but it is highly doubtful that they could prepare such a launch before August or September at the earliest.

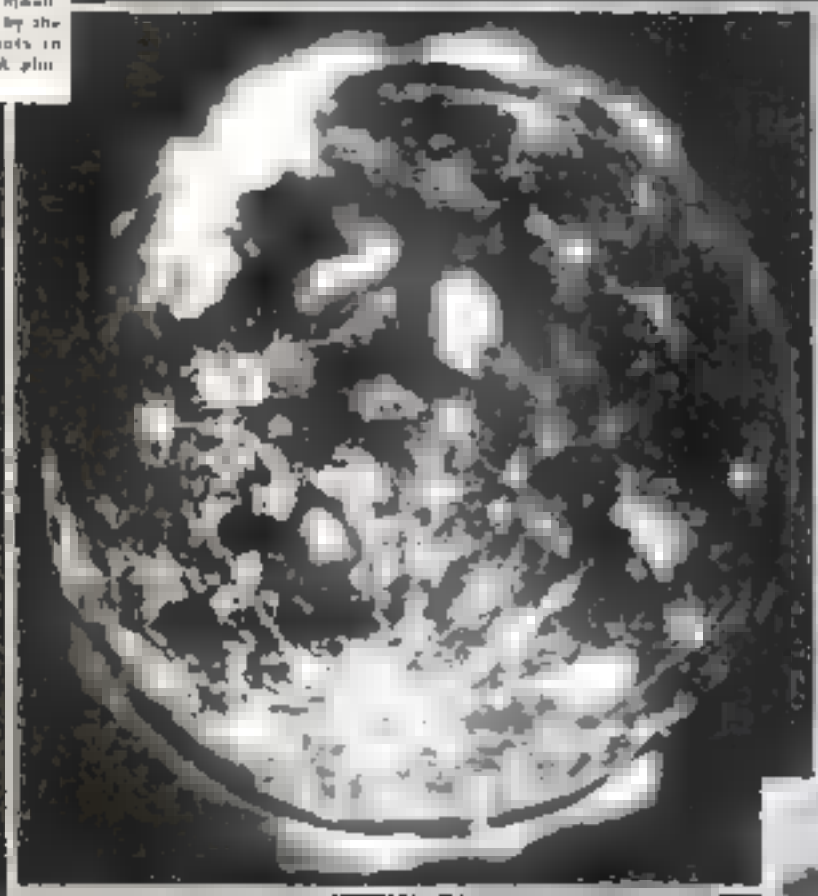
While scientists seek answers, clergymen and Bible scholars are taking the opportunity to link the phenomenon to the end of the world.

A spokesman for Dr. Graham said a statement from the evangelist is pending. But other Bible experts are voicing strong opinions now.

"If you don't think that a fire on the moon signals the end of the world you're beyond help," the Reverend Bill Singletary of Melbourne, Australia, told New York newspapers while visiting the U.S. earlier this month.

"In the Bible's book of Revelation, we read that in the End Times, the moon will turn red — red as fire — and that is precisely what is happening now.

"Fires are spreading all over the moon as shown by the bright spots in this NASA photograph



Dr. Jon Rathbeter

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SPACE ALIEN DOCTORS ARE CURING EARTHLINGS!

By ROBERT SCHRIBER

4 incredible case studies confirm expert's findings!

Aliens from outer space have used their incredible powers to heal people with physical problems, reveals a top UFO researcher!

"Cases range from persons who grew back lost teeth to others whose crippling diseases spontaneously vanished," said Brad Steiger, author of the book *UFO Abductors*.

For 25 years, he's gathered hundreds of accounts from people around the world. Here are some of his most intriguing cases:

1 In the early 1960s, a farmer named Mrs. M saw her body lifted hand hauled within minutes after her encounter with aliens, according to Steiger. Mrs. M's hand was swollen and oozing, and when she went to her doctor to get her cut bandaged, the hand and said it would heal in about a month.

The next morning, she was in a field when she saw a humongous egg-shaped object approaching her.

"A door seemed to open in the craft and the next thing she knew, she was in a brilliantly lit room filled with high tech equipment," said Steiger.

"Three small creatures surrounded her, each wearing a mask."

Mrs. M became unconscious during the examination. Then she woke back in the field — and she found her hand completely healed.

2 A toothless 36-year-old farmer from Brazil grew new teeth within two months after his abduction by four small men in a silver circular-shaped craft in 1978, according to Steiger.

The strange beings examined the man, then released him unharmed — and his dentures appeared above the earth appeared above the [illegible]

3 A man named Bertram had an enlarged liver since birth and was told it would never become normal, but he proved the doctors wrong after his encounter with a UFO.

Bertram was skiing down a remote slope in Finland a few years ago when he was caught in a white beam of light from an egg-shaped UFO.

The UFO left several minutes later.

When Bertram went for a physical after a few days, the [illegible]

4 Wheelchair-bound Richard T overcame a nerve disease after his encounter with a UFO in 1987 in Michigan, said Steiger.

"One evening he was enjoying the solitude of a beach where a 100-foot-long torpedo-shaped UFO appeared above him. He opened a cranium state and he and his wheelchair were somehow lifted into the craft.

"There, he was examined by aliens and the next thing he remembered, he was once again beside his van.

"Amazingly, over the coming week, his condition reversed itself. Finally, he was able to walk again."

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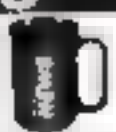

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By SERENA SABAK
PSYCHIC ASTROLOGER for THIS EACH AND EVERYONE

For the week of Mon., March 4 – Sun., March 10

Readers all over the country are using psychic astrologer Serena Sabak's Lucky Lottery Numbers to help them win big money, and so can you! To find your Lucky Numbers, simply look them up under your birth sign in the chart below. If you need seven numbers for the lottery in your area, add your birthday. If you need fewer numbers, drop the numbers listed last.

YOUR LUCKY LOTTERY NUMBERS

ARIES Mar. 21 – Apr. 19	11, 21, 31, 33, 41, 44
TAURUS Apr. 20 – May 20	1, 10, 24, 34, 39, 42
GEMINI May 21 – June 20	8, 16, 29, 33, 39, 46
CANCER June 21 – July 22	12, 23, 24, 28, 34, 41
LEO July 23 – Aug. 22	1, 18, 29, 37, 43, 47
VIRGO Aug. 23 – Sept. 22	14, 19, 24, 27, 35, 43
LIBRA Sept. 23 – Oct. 22	8, 19, 29, 31, 40, 48
SCORPIO Oct. 23 – Nov. 21	1, 17, 23, 28, 34, 38
SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 – Dec. 21	3, 11, 23, 35, 34, 38
CAPRICORN Dec. 22 – Jan. 19	5, 17, 28, 31, 38, 41
AQUARIUS Jan. 20 – Feb. 18	1, 14, 22, 27, 34, 43

ARIES
Mar. 21 – Apr. 19

Take precautions against head injuries this week. Be aware of low hanging branches, hanging planters and open cupboard doors.

A short trip may become necessary late in the week.

It may pay off to play the numbers 11, 21, 31, 33, 41, 44 in the lottery.

Something small and green could be a big change in your life.

TAURUS
Apr. 20 – May 20

The spotlight is on you this week. Use it wisely to avoid family members in trouble and speak kind words to others. Avoid the downright cruel and disgusting.

Don't use tweezers and mirrors at the same time. It could result in a serious misunderstanding — and a loss in total black and blue.

The numbers 1, 10, 24, 34, 39, 42 may be the ones you've been looking for.

GEMINI
May 21 – June 20

This is an auspicious week for the restless Gemini to break into new fields or enroll in vocational or college courses.

Communications skills are at an all-time high, so the more in the know you are, the better always remained.

Spend Saturday with a friend and put past differences behind you. Now is a time for healing. Your lucky numbers this week are 8, 16, 29, 33, 39, 46.

CANCER
June 21 – July 22

Now is the time to take a stand. Don't let others push you around. Be aware of your rights and stand up for them.

Financial activities could help or hurt. Taxation and living arrangements are highlighted.

Reading, writing and persevere should be especially rewarding.

Look to numbers 12, 23, 24, 28, 34, 41 for help in the lottery.

LEO
July 23 – Aug. 22

Make an extra effort with those around you. Be aware of their feelings and needs.

Set short-term goals for yourself and avoid making long-term commitments. Be willing to change your mind.

This may be a holiday week. Be sure to read. There are some things you need to think over by yourself.

An unexpected accomplishment would bring a smile to your face.

VIRGO
Aug. 23 – Sept. 22

Romance and Virgo Time should be in full bloom with energy this week, so get all that newfound vitality in order by tackling a major chore you've been putting off for ages. You know what I mean.

Make that phone call you've been putting in order. It is way past time.

Yesterday's blue could be tomorrow's lucky numbers this week.

LIBRA
Sept. 23 – Oct. 22

Someone you see frequently is in need of help. Be the hero and do it with compassion and caring, but don't put the quarters when explaining what needs to be done to get that person back on track.

Don't make any decisions or changes in the heart until later in the week. Your head should be clearer then.

Right should be your lucky number this week.

SCORPIO
Oct. 23 – Nov. 21

A bit of take-charge-ness and take-charge-ability could be needed right this week, so take all movements slowly with a grain of salt. Trust only those whom you've proven true and loyal.

A new and stranger could enter your life with a long term to the week. Expect a rewarding friendship to develop here.

Someone loves you more than you will ever know.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

Despite what you might think, you are a natural born leader and now is the perfect time to put your leadership abilities to work. Take charge this week and you'll find financial and emotional rewards in the future.

Alcohol and liquid could be a dangerous combination on Thursday. Best advice is to have a designated driver drinking or not. Look to a partner for comfort and advice now.

CAPRICORN
Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

Expect the unexpected. Another shift this week — and there's no doubt it will have financial gains. Be on your guard for the opportunity of a lifetime slip through your fingers.

Cautious attention and observance are the key here. Be on step to avoid that problems come at every turn.

Family problems should begin to work themselves out late in the week.

AQUARIUS
Jan. 20 – Feb. 18

Your competitive spirit gets some others down on you, but other you are a problem. The normally sensible Aquarian could go too far in tangible this week if care and control. To put it bluntly, this is a good time to mind your own business.

Take every opportunity to relax this week. You deserve it!

Compliments could come in the form of romantic news.

PISCES
Feb. 19 – Mar. 20

Bored Pisces (and you know who you are) tends to get pointless this week that could plunge you into a period of heart stopping adventure. Hang on tight the ride is about to begin.

An attractive member of the opposite sex will play a most important role in your life this week – and you soon will even know it.

A small gamble could pay big rewards.

Women: Holiday for this week. Mon., March 4 – Sun., March 10

SWEAT! IT KEEPS YOUR BRAIN FROM FRYING!

KEEP A COOL HEAD. Your brain would literally fry if not for the blood flowing to it over and cooled by perspiration.

The most amazing air conditioning system ever devised is right in our own bodies, and its key ingredient — sweat — keeps us alive.

By MICHAEL ANDREWS
Weekly World News

Although humans can live and work in Arctic cold or Asian hot heat, they are dramatically sensitive to variations in their own body temperature.

A rise or drop of just eight or 10 degrees can result in death. Perhaps unlikely, the body has an elaborate internal thermostat and air-cond[illegible] cooling system to help it maintain a safe temperature range.

When things [illegible] too hot, the body produces more sweat to get rid of excess heat.

Without this ability to sweat, heat produced in the muscles during vigorous exercise would fry the brain. Even the inactive person sweats as much as a quart a day and some people such as agricultural workers can easily sweat as much as two gallons.

When sweat evaporates, it cools the skin. The skin in turn cools the blood, which is routed to the surface by temperature-control cells in the brain. The cooled blood then returns to the body's organs and muscles, cooling them.

Scientists tell us that the body has some 2.5 million sweat glands — about 650 to the square inch of skin except in places like the palms of the hands, where as many as 3,000 per inch are concentrated. They share their space with about a yard of blood vessels, three or four yards of nerves, some 31 nerve end[illegible] ings and more than 300 billion cells of varying kinds. The nerves [illegible] act as heat and cold sensors, sending a constant flow of signals to the brain.

Heat from the body's interior reaches the skin mainly at the points where the sweat glands tend to concentrate — on the soles of the feet, the palms of the hands, the forehead, the armpits.

Studies indicate that women have a slightly greater number of sweat glands than men. But despite this, many are better than women at overcoming in hot weather.

"While men lose their heat primarily by sweating, women lose their heat primarily by sending extra blood to the skin. And blood flow in the skin is blood that's not going to the muscles where it's needed," says Dr. Gabe Mirkin, who is a physician and co-author of *The Sports Medicine Book*.

FIRE ANTS KILL 83 PEOPLE!

Swarming, biting fire ants have caused more than 83 deaths in the U.S. since they arrived in this country in the 1910s — and one of every four persons has been a victim.

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Facing tough decisions?

FLIP A COIN!

By MIKE FOSTER / *Weekly World News*

You'd be far better off flipping a coin to make your most important decisions in life — because 87 percent of the time you'll get the right answer!

That's the startling conclusion of a team of Harvard researchers after a 10-year study involving 502 men and women.

"Millions of people spend hours fretting over decisions about their lives — such as whom to marry or what career to pursue. This study proves that such efforts are simply a waste of time," declared Professor Walter Kolb, president of the Swiss Association for Statistical Research, which funded the project.

The study began in 1985, when the volunteers, aged 18 to 21, were each issued a standard Kennedy half dollar and a thick log book.

"Every time they came to what they considered an important fork in life's road, they were instructed to record the episode in their log," explained the Zurich-based expert.

10-year Harvard study proves it's 87% accurate!

"The subjects were told to break the decision into a simple yes or no. For example, 'Should I marry Sally, yes or no?' "

The subjects were told to make the decision.

Then they were to flip their coin, assigning "yes" to heads, "no" to tails.

The result of the coin toss was recorded beside the actual decision.

In December of 1995, the subjects were interviewed at length by phone.

Going episode-by-episode over the log, they were asked what the results of the coin toss had been, what decision they had actually made — and whether they were happy with the results.

"Analysis of the data was fascinating," said Prof. Kolb.

"Statistically, the coin made them happy. By contrast, the actual decisions people made turned out to be the right one no more than 50 percent of the time."

Social scientists on the team say the odds that people will be happy with decisions they make is actually little better than chance, said Prof. Kolb.

"However, why the coin

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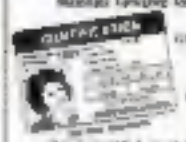

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TARRED & FEATHERED

In a shocking case of backwoods justice, a man was tarred and feathered just weeks ago — and the whole thing was captured on videotape!

The controversial tape has been circulated in small towns in southern Mississippi — and Weekly World News has received a copy.

The disturbing tape shows an unidentified man in a wooden undisclosed location with a rope around his neck. He is surrounded by three rough-looking men who force him to his knees and cover his body with sticky black tar.

To complete the humiliation, the man is then covered with fluffy, white feathers.

At the end of the tape the victim is forced to pose for photographs.

A Baton Rouge, La., historian says the bizarre punishment may be far more common than most "civilized" people realize.

"I would estimate that a tar-and-feathering like this happens perhaps 15 to 20 times a year in Mississippi alone," said Gerald Carwell, who has written several books on traditions in the Deep South. "And just because people don't hear about this doesn't mean it doesn't happen," he said.

"It's important to realize that many things that occur in rural areas of the country don't always show up on the six o'clock news."

Carwell speculated the tarred man may have been involved in some sort of sex crime.

"The tar-and-feathering ritual is generally used as the ultimate act of humiliation," Carwell said.

"It basically strips the man of all of his dignity and turns him into a social leper.

"He is 'marked' in a way that everyone in the community can immediately recognize," he said. "And then he must spend many days trying to get the nasty black tar off every part of his body."

Traditionally, the outlandish punishment is photographed and the pictures are shown around town as a warning to potential lawbreakers. "With modern technology, it now has become commonplace for the deed to be videotaped," Carwell said. "I person-

Shocker video captures good ol' boys dishing out backwoods justice!

By HENRY THIBEAUX
Weekly World News

1 THE UNIDENTIFIED victim was taken to the woods . . .

AUTHOR and historian Gerald Carwell has

6 IN THE final act of indignity . . .

7 . . . his head and neck were coated with tar . . .

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2 . . . stripped to his underpants . . .

3 . . . and tied to a tree.

4 HE WAS then lashed with sticks for . . .

5 . . . and stamped with feathers.

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. . . ally have seen tapes of four tar
. . . and feathering and each time I
. . . was shocked by the brutality."

Cornell said the punishment
. . . is usually reserved for clearly
. . . guilty people who have somehow
. . . escaped what they deserved from
. . . the court system. "The good of

boys who tar and feather someone don't care about the technicalities that allow criminals to go free." Cornell said. "They just want to see guilty people punished — and they aren't afraid to take matters in their own hands."

8 . . . and feathers were stuck to his face.

9 THE HUMILIATED victim was forced to pose for photos to document his punishment.

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